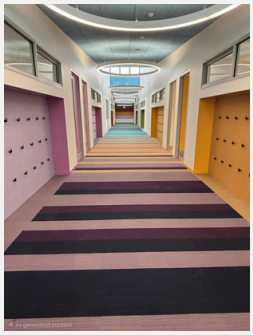
JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Issue 19 - 6th November 2026

Cook's Log

Principal News

I have had some very exciting news I want to share with you all. We are now into our last four weeks of the building project. Our new buildings are going to ready to start the 2027 school year! Whilst the students and teachers won't be officially moving in this year, our new furniture and interactive white boards will need to be installed along with last minutes touches. I will hopefully be able to take the students on a very quick tour on UP Day – December 8th – so see where their 2027 classroom is located.




The other good news is that we will be able to hold our Year 6 Graduation festivities in the Hall on December 16.



The Year 5 and 6 students are busily preparing their stalls for the Mini-Fete to be Held on December 2. A notification to purchase tokens to 'spend' at the event went out to all families earlier this week. I strongly advise families to purchase tokens ahead of the event as the line to purchase tokens on the night is always a long one, and we only have one EFTPOS machine.

I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone to be mindful of obeying the parking regulations outside the school. No parking zones are identified at the most dangerous sites and I know we all want our children to be safe. And I'm sure no one wants a parking fine.



Finally, can I ask that families who yet to enrol their 2027 Prep students please do so by the end of next week. We want to make sure we have enough spaces for everyone😊
Alternatively, if families know that their children will not be coming to James Cook Primary School in 2027, could they too inform the office staff asap.

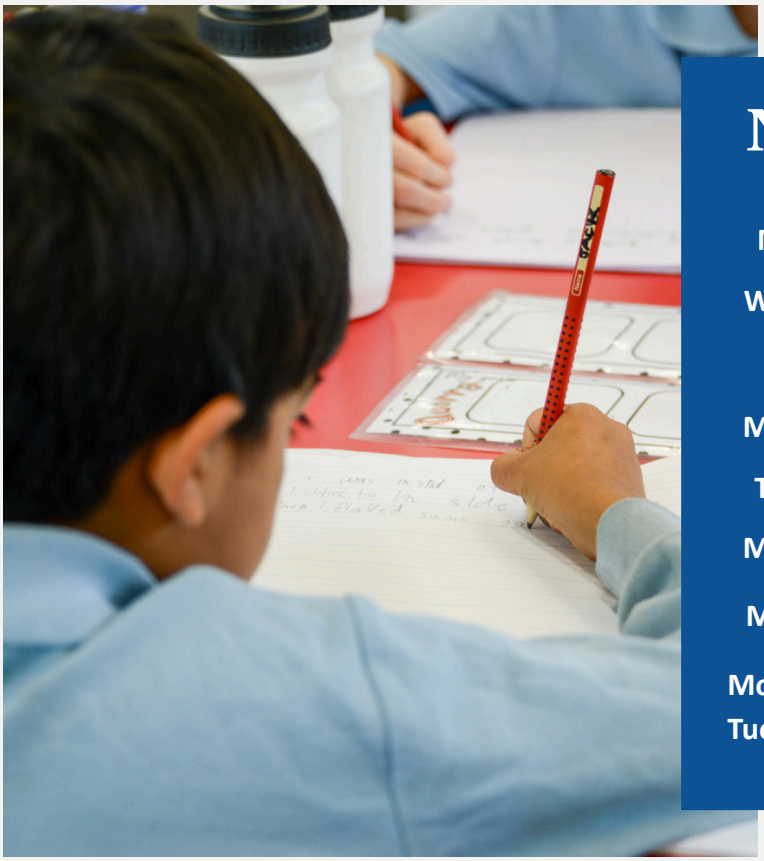
Kind regards,

~ Anne



Anne Burgess
Principal

Upcoming Events



NOVEMBER



Mon 9th	Foundation Transition Session 1
Wed 11th	Remembrance Day
Fri 13th	World Kindness Day
Mon 16th	Foundation Transition Session 2
Tue 17th	School Council Meeting
Mon 23rd	Foundation Transition Session 3
Mon 30th	Foundation Transition Session 4
Mon 23rd - Tue 1st Dec	Swimming Program



DECEMBER



Wed 2nd	Mini Fete
Thu 3rd - Fri 4th	Swimming Program
Mon 7th	School Council Meeting
Tues 8th	Foundation Transition Session 5 UP Day
Wed 16th	Grade 6 Graduation
Thurs 17th	Grade 6 Celebration Day Last Day of Term 4 for Students (3:00PM Finish)
Fri 18th	Curriculum Day (Pupil-Free Day)





Students of the Week

Weeks 4 & 5: 2026

NEVER GIVE UP

12E

Donia

for showing enthusiasm and focus during numeracy tasks, particularly when learning to read and show the time using our mini clocks.

Parisa

For confidently using her segmenting skills to spell words with our focus sounds and presenting her written work neatly.

34S

Winter

For her insightful contributions to our class discussions on our class text, The One and Only Ivan. Well done!

Ilia

For his huge improvement in solving vertical multiplication problems. Keep it up!

STAY MOTIVATED

00T

Heshni

For using adjectives and adding extra detail to make her sentences about Australian animals more interesting. Great writing!

Aashir

For showing great progress in becoming more independent by coming into the classroom and getting himself ready to learn each morning. Keep up the great work!

TRUST YOURSELF

12W

Dash

Dash has made fantastic progress in focusing and making positive choices. His growing self-awareness and determination to make strong choices have been wonderful to see!

Pinar

An absolute superstar! Pinar consistently demonstrates all our school values and is a fantastic role model. She brings positivity, kindness and respect to everything she does!

34H

Dunja

For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and showing persistence when completing classroom tasks. Well done, Dunja!

Al Ayaan

For demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and making a fantastic effort to participate in classroom activities. Keep up the great work, Al Ayaan!

Students of the Week

Weeks 4 & 5: 2026



56L

Shrihan

For his thoughtful responses and participation in our class discussions,keep it up!

Reem

For actively joining in our text discussions and confidently sharing her ideas. Well done, Reem!

Haktan

For doing a fantastic job working collaboratively with his group during the Mini Fete project. Well done!

P.E

Rylie 34S

For demonstrating balance and coordination when striking a golf ball into the air during the golf incursion in Physical Education.

Matej 34H

For displaying great club control and ball striking skills when putting at a target during the golf incursion in Physical Education.



ART

Bita OOT

For her amazing artwork, showing creativity, imagination and attention to detail. Well done Bita!



Nooria 34S

For mastering the weaving technique and showing a wonderful eye for pattern and colour choice. Well done Nooria!

56R

Nadia

For her outstanding effort in her cold write. Well done!

Jack

For his brilliant use of similies and metaphors in his Cold Write. Great job !

Jaden

For demonstrating excellent focus and achieving great results in his Maths assessments. Congratulations !

Module 2

Foundation, Year 1 & Year 2















Module 3

Year 3 & Year 4





WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- **Reading:** We have continued reading our class text, *The One and Only Ivan*. Students have been strengthening their comprehension, vocabulary and fluency skills, with a particular focus on understanding characters' feelings, making inferences and using evidence from the text to support their thinking.
- **Writing:** Students have looked at enhancing their writing skills with conjunctions such as because, but and so.
- **Mathematics:** Students have continued investigating **probability**, describing the likelihood of events and exploring chance through practical activities. We have also looked at data and the properties of 3D shapes.
- **Science:** Students have continued exploring **inventions**, learning about famous inventors, how inventions have evolved over time and the important role inventions play in solving everyday problems.



FUTURE LEARNING

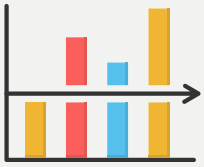
- **Reading:** We will continue exploring *The One and Only Ivan*, developing our comprehension, vocabulary and fluency skills while making predictions, examining character motivations and exploring important events in the story.
- **Writing:** Students will continue refining their **persuasive writing**, focusing on organising their ideas into clear paragraphs, strengthening arguments and using effective language to persuade their readers.
- **Mathematics:** We will continue practising **division**, applying our understanding to worded problems and developing efficient problem-solving strategies. Students will also further investigate **probability**, conducting chance experiments, recording outcomes and comparing results.
- **Science:** Students will continue investigating **inventions**, exploring the design process and using their creativity to develop ideas for inventions that could solve real-world problems.



Module 3

Year 5 & Year 6





WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON

- Students have been busy completing a range of end-of-year assessments, allowing us to celebrate their learning and identify areas for further growth.
- In English, we have continued our class text study of Blueback by Tim Winton, exploring the characters, themes and messages within the story.
- In Maths we continue embedding our number facts, and are revisiting the calculating of averages, measurement, volumn and capacity.
- We have begun preparing our submissions for the much-anticipated Mini Fete! This is one of our key events for Term 4 and will bring together much of our learning in business, economics and financial mathematics. Students are putting their entrepreneurial skills into action as they develop and plan their ideas.



FUTURE LEARNING

- We are looking forward to a busy and exciting end to the term, with swimming, Mini Fete and our Grade 6 Graduation celebrations all fast approaching!





UPCOMING EVENTS/NEWS

- World Kindness Day
- Remembrance Day
- Swimming
- Minifete





Art

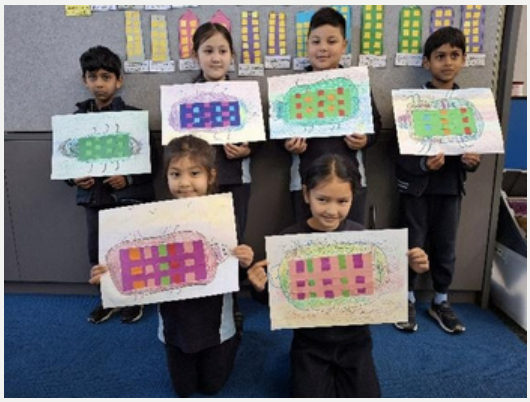


This term students are exploring and learning about textiles in Art. Textiles is about fabrics and threads, colour and textures. Skills and techniques will include weaving, sewing, applique, embroidery and felting.

Preps have been introduced to weaving, to improve their fine motor skills, to learn the basic over-under concepts.

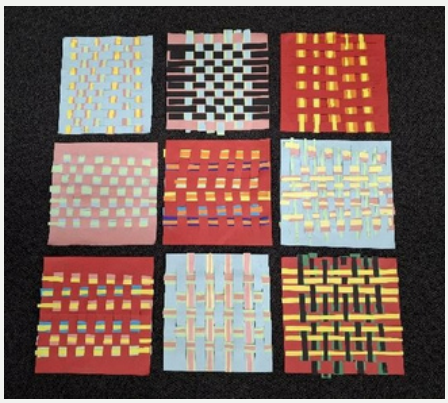






Progressing from this weaving concept, the Grade 1's and 2's have created a woven flat design by interfacing strips of paper over and under each other.

Similarly, the Grade 3's and 4's have used the same technique to create a more complex weaving design. This has given them the skills to now work on their Aussie animals, using weaving looms.







Grade 5's and 6's are working on a dry felting design to create an underwater scene.



Everyone will  when we all follow our "Matrix of Expectations."

Let's just ..... 	 Protecting yourself and others	 Looking after yourself and making good choices	 Looking after people and property
ALL SETTINGS	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves. We use property and furniture for its correct purpose. We transition in two lines. We tell a staff member if something is wrong. We stay in designated areas.	We return equipment to its rightful place. We put rubbish in the correct bins. We keep all our belongings in their correct place. We follow instructions from staff. We wait quietly when lining up. We ask for help when needed. We admit our mistakes.	We share school property. We wear the correct school uniform. We take turns. We use please, thank you and excuse me. We ask before touching others' belongings. We transition quietly during learning times. We let other out the door before entering.
TOILETS	We give others privacy. We wash our hands with soap. We report problems to a staff member.	We close the door when in use. We flush the toilet. We leave when finished.	We use toilets for their correct purpose. We are quiet. We wait our turn.
LEARNING AREAS	We get permission before leaving. We walk inside. We remain properly seated during learning times.	We have our tools and equipment ready. We are on time. We complete our work on time. We stay on task to reach our goals.	We are quiet during independent learning times. We allow others to stay on task. We wait our turn to speak.
OFFICE	We use the correct doors. We listen to office staff. We sign in and out, when we are late or leaving early. We return to class straight away.	We bring one person only with us to first aid. We sign our mobile phone in and out. We place all payments and forms in the post box.	We wait until the first aid adult invites us in. We enter the office quietly. We wait our turn.
PLAY AREAS / OUTDOORS	We walk on ramps. We stay in the correct play areas. We leave sticks, rocks and stones on the ground.	We move to the Module as soon as the music starts. We ask the yard duty teacher for help if needed. We bring our equipment and belongings in after play.	We discuss, agree to and follow the rules of the game. We accept or decline politely others' playing choices.
ICT	We only use sites on Bookmarks. We use our own log in details. We keep our passwords private. We walk with our Chromebook.	We adhere to the ICT user agreement. We carry our Chromebook as instructed. We return our Chromebook to the charging area. We plug in the charger.	We remove our earbuds when the teacher is giving instructions. We half-close the lid when the teacher is speaking. We keep our hands off the keyboard when the teacher is giving instructions.

James Cook Primary School

JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL MATRIX OF EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is to build successful and responsible learners, in a safe and respectful environment.

LOST PROPERTY ANNOUNCEMENT

James Cook Primary School

There are a number of clothing items currently in lost property.

If your child is missing any clothing, you may visit your child's module in between 3:00 - 3:15pm.



To assist with the return of misplaced items, we kindly ask that all children's uniforms and belongings are clearly labelled.

Labelling can be done using a black permanent marker or iron-on labels. This simple step greatly reduces the likelihood of items being lost or unclaimed.



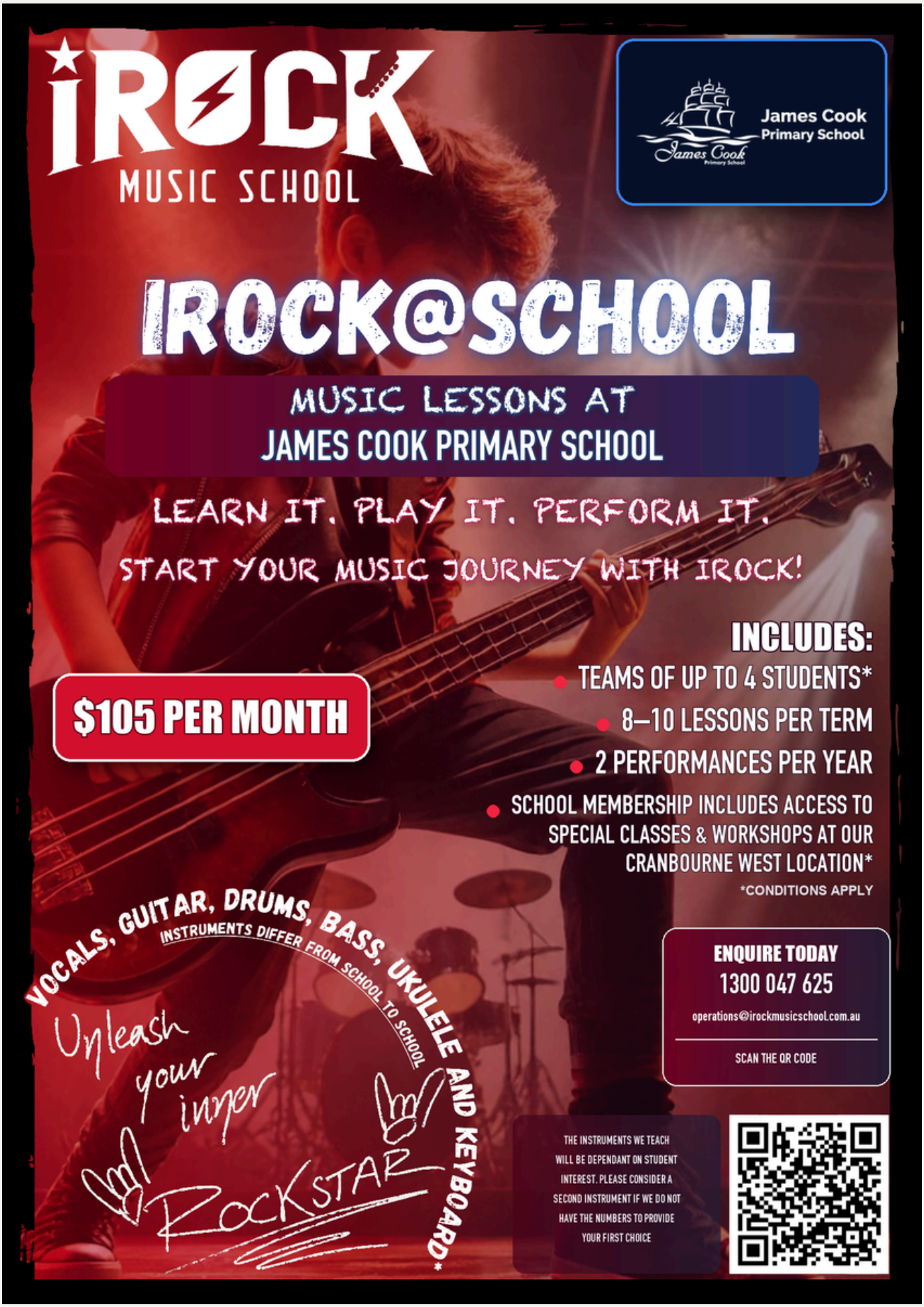
FOOD PANTRY

Every Wednesday

8:30am - 9:00am

Module 4

Community News




MELBOURNE'S
CHRISTMAS
WONDERLAND
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smoothfm
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25 NOV - 24 DEC
CAULFIELD RACECOURSE
STATION STREET, CAULFIELD EAST, VIC 3145

November Activities for dads & kids in Casey

NOV 6 & 20
6.30 PM - 8.00 PM
Dads' Little Builders cardboard construction

NOV 13 & 27
7.00 PM
The Meetup men's group

NOV 14
10.00AM - 12.00 PM
Kids Disco

NOV 19
7.00 PM
Jump Start men's group

NOV 21
9.30 AM - 11.30 AM
Casey Men's Sessions: Stroll & Roll event

NOV 21
10.00 AM - 11.30 AM
Gardening Together

NOV 28
1.00 PM - 2.30 PM
First-time dads' community catch-up

NOV 29
10.00 AM - 12.00 PM
End-of -Year Celebration: All dads' groups

The community-led groups are supported by: VICTORIA State Government, City of Casey, Dads Matter (it's a family thing)

52nd KNOX ART SHOW

https://knoxartshow.org.au









SEE SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

Step into a vibrant celebration of creativity at the **Knox Art Show**. Explore an inspiring collection of original works, discover talented local and regional artists, and perhaps find the perfect piece to take home. Bring your family and friends—everyone is welcome.

WHEN	WHERE	ENTRY
Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th November 10:00am to 4:30 pm	Churchill-Waverley Golf & Bowls Club 82 Bergins Road Rowville	Adults $10 Concession $8 Children under 18 FREE

COME FOR THE ART. STAY FOR THE INSPIRATION.

Save the date • Invite a friend • Support our local community

For more information click here

Rotary Bayswater and Rowville - Lysterfield

Knox Art Show Website

Proudly supported by Knox City Council

The Knox Art Show has been supported by a grant from the Knox City Council Community Development Fund



Circle of Security Parenting™ (City of Casey)

An 8-session program designed for parents of children aged 4 months to 6 years.

Ever puzzled by your child's behaviour or unsure how to respond to their needs? Imagine understanding what your child is truly asking for - and knowing exactly how to respond.

Grounded in decades of research, the *Circle of Security Parenting™* program helps you build a stronger, more secure relationship with your child.

What You'll Learn:

Read emotional cues:
Interpret and respond effectively to your child's emotional cues.

Boost self-esteem:
Build your child's confidence and sense of security.

Build emotional resilience:
Give your child tools to manage big feelings.

Trust your instincts:
Tap into your natural wisdom and confidence as a parent.

Please note: *This program is in partnership with the City of Casey and designed for parents/carers living in the City of Casey only. Please note children cannot attend the sessions, however* ***FREE CHILDCARE*** *is available for your convenience.*

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COST
Free
(Registration essential)

DATES
Mondays (8 sessions)
Oct 19, 26 | Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Dec 7

TIME
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

VENUE
Bunjil Place Library
2 Patrick Northeast Dr
Narre Warren VIC

REGISTER HERE
https://bit.ly/3UUwiBE

ENQUIRIES
(03) 9704 8377
groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org



Bringing Up Great Kids

(Narre Warren)

***Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK)* is a free 6-week program designed to help parents and carers of children aged 2–12 build stronger, more meaningful relationships with their kids.**

Discover mindful parenting tools to better understand your child's needs, manage everyday challenges, and strengthen family bonds.

What You'll Learn:

Understand your child's world:
Gain insights into brain development and what drives child behaviour.

Improve communication:
Learn mindful, calm ways to connect and respond to your child.

Refine your parenting style:
Reflect on what shapes your parenting and overcome daily challenges.

Prioritise self-care:
Build strategies to support your own wellbeing alongside your family's.

Please note: *Open to parents/carers (50%+ custody) in Casey, Cardinia, and Greater Dandenong. To keep this a dedicated space for parents to connect and focus on themselves, children are unable to attend.*

COST
Free
(Registration essential)

DATES
Wednesdays (6 sessions)
Oct 21, 28 | Nov 4, 11, 18, 25

TIME
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

VENUE
Uniting Narre Warren
55 Webb Street,
Narre Warren VIC

REGISTER HERE

https://bit.ly/4qRWDZR

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Tuning in to Teens™

(Endeavour Hills)

This engaging 6-session program is designed for parents and carers of adolescents aged 10 to 18 years.

Based on an easy-to-follow, 5-step emotion coaching approach, *Tuning in to Teens™* empowers families to build stronger relationships and support their teen's emotional well-being. Join us and make a lasting impact on your family!

What you'll learn:

Understand emotional intelligence:
Learn how to nurture your teen's emotional growth and awareness.

Coach through big feelings:
Gain confidence in helping your teen navigate intense emotions.

Build problem-solving skills:
Equip your teen with tools to manage emotions, resolve issues, and handle challenges.

Handle conflict constructively:
Teach your teen healthy ways to manage conflict and build lasting resilience.

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COST
Free (Registration essential)

DATES
Mondays (6 sessions)
Oct 12, 19, 26 | Nov 2, 9, 16

TIME
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

VENUE
Chalcot Lodge Family & Community Centre
26 Haverstock Hill Close
Endeavour Hills VIC

REGISTER HERE
https://bit.ly/4ylPnLA

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Parenting Groups.

Join a parenting group for practical strategies and support.

We can help if you are looking for support to:

- Develop your parenting skills
- Build confidence as a parent

We offer free group programs to provide support and information to strengthen parent-child relationships and provide practical knowledge and skills development to support you with the challenges of parenting.

Our groups create a safe space for you to build connections with other parents. Engaging with others through parenting groups and sharing common issues with other parents can help to build on your support network and reduce any feelings of isolation.

These groups are available exclusively to caregivers living in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, or Greater Dandenong.

Further Information:

To learn more about the parenting groups we offer in the **City of Casey**, **Cardinia Shire**, and **Greater Dandenong**, and to receive updates about upcoming sessions, please click the link below or scan the QR code to register your interest.

https://forms.office.com/r/NaLZJ39cga

Contact us:

P: 9704 8377

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POP UP PLAYGROUP

Discover Learn Play

The City of Casey free 'Pop-up Playgroup' Term 4 2026

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

You can also pick up information about Community Playgroups, Maternal and Child Health, Kindergarten and other community services.



Eddie Barron Reserve

21A Bemersyde Dr, Berwick

https://maps.app.goo.gl/UQZmyKYUsF9GRqQy7

Wednesday 7 October	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 14 October	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 28 October	9:30 am – 11:00 am.

Zanda Park

216 Alexander Boulevard, Clyde North

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Wednesday 4 November	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 11 November	9:30 am – 11:00 am.
Wednesday 25 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 are 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:

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Junction Village Recreation Reserve Playground

33 Craig Road, Junction Village

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Thursday 8 October	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 15 October	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 29 October	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 5 November	9:30am – 11:00am.

Wildbloom Playground

Corner of Mellow Place & Ochre Street, Clyde North

https://maps.app.goo.gl/1XmWppyBdChiyQzYA

Thursday 12 November	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 19 November	9:30am – 11:00am.
Thursday 26 November	9:30am – 11:00am.



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POP UP BABY PLAYGROUP (Babies 0 - 12 months)

City of Casey

Discover Learn Play

The City of Casey is hosting free Pop-up Baby Playgroup

Where: **Dharrang Balit Community Centre**

51 Sovereign Avenue, Clyde North

https://maps.app.goo.gl/JZVsYrViFELCKqGWA

When: Tuesday 6 October 2026 – Tuesday 8 December 2026 (excluding Melbourne Cup Public Holiday)

Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm





Come along and experience a range of activities for babies aged **0 to 12 months**. Enjoy singing, playing and sharing activities that you and your baby could do at home whilst connecting with other families. Bring your own snacks, water and a change of clothes for baby.

No bookings are required.

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Casey North Community Information & Support Service

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Food and Emergency Assistance

🥗 Do you need food or emergency support?

We provide **material aid** for people and families experiencing crisis or emergency situations.

✓ What support can we provide?

- 🛒 Food hampers / pantry items when available
- 🎟️ Food vouchers
- 💊 Help with some medical prescriptions
- 🚿 Shower passes

👥 What to expect when you visit

Our staff and volunteers will:

- 👂 listen to your situation (listen to you about your situation)
- 📝 complete a short assessment
- 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 work with you to find the right best support available

🔁 Ongoing support

Our funding is limited, so we will not be able to provide ongoing support. We can help you to **connect with other food relief agencies** if you need continued assistance.

🤝 We can also help with

- ➡️ referrals to other community services & organisations
- ➡️ referrals to financial counselling for budgeting and money management
- ➡️ finding better utility providers (electricity and gas)
- ➡️ organising setting up payment plans

Please note: we cannot pay utility bills, but we will help you explore your options.

🌍 Language support 🗣️

Telephone Interpreter Services are available.

You don't have to go through this alone - We're here to help.