



Reaching Higher

Mentone Park Primary School

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MPPS Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Thursday 30	Term 1 Starts – All Students Prep Students Finish at 1.00pm
Friday 31	Prep Students Finish at 1.00pm

FEBRUARY

Friday 14	Grades 3 to 6 House Swimming Carnival
Monday 17 – Friday 21	Grade 5/6 Swimming
Friday 21	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport
Monday 24	Whole School Cultural Infusion Incursion
Friday 28	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport

MARCH

Monday 2	Grade 5/6 Camp Parent Information Session
Tuesday 3	Grades 3 to 6 Kingston Waste Incursion
Wednesday 4	Grade 5/6 District Swimming
Friday 6	Grade 5/6 interschool Sport
Monday 9	Labour Day Holiday
Friday 13	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Gala Day
Tuesday 17 - Friday 20	Grade 5/6 Camp

Welcome to Cameron's Corner



Welcome back to you all. I trust that the school break and holiday season was full of good times and that whether you stayed home or holidayed elsewhere that you had a great time. Sadly, the bushfire situation affected some of our families and staff, some closely involved and others with family and friends affected.

In conjunction with 9 other schools we will be meeting with our student leaders to put together a fund raising plan for the month of February to raise funds for schools effected by this tragedy. More information will follow after I chat with our student leaders.

You will also have seen much media in the last few days regarding the Coronavirus. It is my understanding talking to the children today that none of our community attended China or had anyone visit from the Wuhan area. This does not mean we can be complacent and we must be vigilant as to our own health and of our children as we head into the school year. I've addressed with a letter earlier this week and will continue to keep you informed.

Aside from these situations, we have had a smooth start to the 2020 school year.

Our Foundation students have settled in wonderfully well to their new classrooms and the first few routines of school life. I had a visit yesterday and fielded many questions from their first visit to the Principals office.

Later this month we anticipate work will start on the artificial turf and shade cloth outside the Early Learning Centre. Engineers were here on the holidays and we are now finalising plans for this great outdoor classroom right on the doorstep of the Foundation classrooms.

We welcome Miss Jana Koryfas (1 / 2B) and Pamela Kousis (5 / 6B) to our teaching team for 2020. Both ladies have fitted in beautifully with our staff and students and we look forward to their contributions to our school this year.

As I mentioned in a recent Facebook post all staff were in during the break planning and preparing for the new year. The new learning spaces look amazing and I know the curriculum planning has been focusing on high expectations and students working to maximise their full potential.

NEW MOBILE PHONE POLICY

All schools across Victoria have been asked to implement a student mobile phone policy to take effect from the first day of school. At a staffing level and then at school council level we have prepared a policy to address this issue and a copy will be provided to you in the coming week.

If a student has your permission to bring a mobile phone to school we ask that it is handed to the classroom teacher between 8:50 and 9:00 and it must be clearly named. The teacher will store it in a locked storage device and the phone will be returned at 3:30. If unclaimed it will remain locked away safely.

The policy will be distributed next week for your consultation and then ratified at our next school council at the then of February.

Kind Regards,

Cameron

Working With Children Check Reminder

All parents/guardians, visitors & volunteers to the school MUST sign in & out of the school and display their WWCC in a lanyard, which is available at the school office.

The Department of Education requires any person involved in an activity where children may be present to have a current WWCC or have supplied proof that they have applied for a WWCC with the Department of Justice. All schools are required to comply with the Working with Children Act 2005.

Volunteers are expected to carry the WWCC card on their person at all times when working or volunteering at the school or during school related activities.

There is no fee for this check. Apply now by visiting: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



10 WEEK WORKSHOP

STRENGTHENING & RAISING

~ healthy families ~

THE SESSIONS IN THE WORKSHOP ARE DESIGNED FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TO ATTEND ONLY

PLEASE NOTE: BABIES/CHILDREN CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT THIS WORKSHOP

Join us for an informative 10-week free program
focusing on the importance of raising healthy families

Key topics from a range of guest speakers

- respectful relationships
- positive parenting
- importance of play
- safety for parents and children
- healthy eating
- child development & needs
- emotional regulation
- family rules & routines

...and more!

10-week program every Thursday

Places limited to 20 participants

10:00am - 12:00pm

18 April 2020 to 18 June 2020

Westall Community Hub

35 Fairbank Road Clayton South

Morning tea provided



Registrations close Thursday 9 April 2020

Kingston Family Support Service

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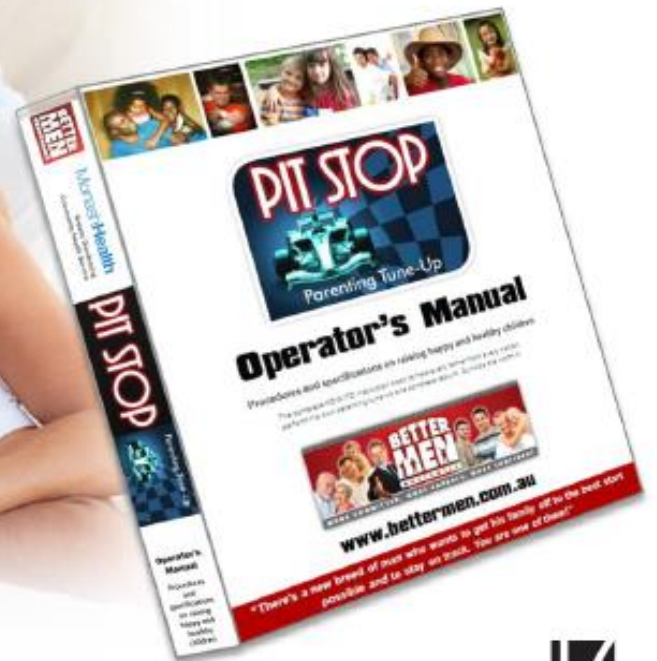


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NEXT COURSE APRIL-MAY-JUNE 2020





NEXT COURSE

April-May-June 2020

VENUE: City of Kingston Council
Westall Community Hub
Fairbank Room
35 Fairbank Road
Clayton South

DATE 8 x Tuesday night sessions
Apr 21,28
May 05, 12,19,26 &
June 02, 09

TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL
Registrations close Tuesday 14 April 2020
Enquires:
Kingston Family Support Service 9581 4860
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Email:Family.Services@kingston.vic.gov.au

GET THE FACTS ON FATHERHOOD

- ◆ Why dads matter to children
- ◆ Developing a healthy parenting style
- ◆ Improving family communication and closeness
- ◆ Steering your children through stressful stages
- ◆ Disciplining children without losing it... or them!
- ◆ Balancing life work and family
- ◆ Working as a team (partners night)
- ◆ Identifying and implementing change (graduation)

PLACES LIMITED TO 25 DADS

- ◆ Entertaining multi-media presentation and interaction
- ◆ Practical insights and strategies
- ◆ Relevant for dads of babies to high-schoolers
- ◆ Dads attend without children, partners attend week 6
- ◆ Comprehensive practical manual included
- ◆ Highly visual – good for all levels of literacy. No exams!
- ◆ Relevant for guys just wanting a refuel, tune-up, right through to men in desperate need of a complete rebuild!

WHAT MEN ARE SAYING:

"It was great to get together just with blokes. The guys up front are down to earth. I'm now on track to creating a better a future for my kids."

"I 'd be the last bloke to do a parenting course 'cause I didn't like the idea of someone telling me how to parent. But I soon discovered Pit Stop is different... I look forward to it every week!"

"The bond I have with my wife and son since I started Pit Stop has been amazing... She is telling all her friends about it!"

"What a great course! ...many simple tools ... I would strongly recommend it to every dad."

Blokes - do this! Our kids are worth it.

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ENROLLING NOW for Term 1, 2020

Mentone Park Primary School offers Private and Group Instrumental Music lessons during school hours.

Lessons are conducted by local music school Poco Music. Instrumental lessons are offered in Piano, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Drum kit, Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Singing. Lessons are taught by fully qualified teachers in a fun environment.

At Poco Music we believe every child deserves the right to start out life with a quality music education.

Lessons offered are private 30 min classes catering to the students' individual needs.

Group lessons of 2 students is offered for all instruments, excluding piano and drums.

Lessons are taught in a fun environment focusing on learning how to read music notation, working through method books and learning fun contemporary songs that engage students.

We also prepare students for AMEB and ANZCA music exam grading.

Once Students are competent with playing a few chords and notes Rock Bands will commence and rehearse weekly at lunchtimes and afterschool.

***COST of lessons: \$38.00 Private 30 min lesson
\$28.00 Private 20 min lesson
\$25.00 per child 30 min group lesson***

If you would like to enroll your child for lessons please fill out our enrolment form online at www.pocomusic.com.au

For more enquiries please email us at: admin@pocomusic.com.au or call our office on [9584 7341](tel:95847341)

Please be sure to like our Facebook page for more information on Lessons and Bands.
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