

## DIARY DATES

**Term 4, 2019**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

2020 Foundation Story Time Session 2

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Year Two Lady Northcote Camp

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

2020 Foundation Parent Information Session, Gannawarra Centre, 6:30pm

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

VPA China Student Exchange returns

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Curriculum Day

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

2020 Foundation transition 1

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Year One Sleepover

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Helping Hands Day, 8am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

SEA Parent & Child Education Session (see page 4 for more information)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

2020 Foundation transition 2

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Tonnes of Fun Festival & Movie Night

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

2020 Year Six Camp Information Session

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

2020 Foundation transition 3

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Jump Rope for Heart

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Student-led Conferences, Specialist Exhibition of Learning & End of Year Barbecue

# ENPS NEWS

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## ENPS OVAL OPENING & WALK-A-THON



### Curriculum Day Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

**OUR MISSION:** We maximise the potential of all; empowering independence, excellence, innovation and engagement with the world

# ENPS OVAL OPENING & WALK-A-THON



## SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

I hope you've all had a fantastic holiday, and are ready for our final term ahead.

There has been a lot that has happened since Day 1, starting of with the VPA China exchange where a group of students, including Joanna, went to China with Mrs Galea, I hope, and know that they will all be having a fantastic time. As Joanna is in China, it is just myself, Hamish, writing today.

We've had the grand opening of the brand new oval in the form of a walkathon, where all year levels walked or ran laps around the oval and school to raise money. I'm sure there will be lots of tired students after our big day. Our top fundraisers are currently Bella B in third, yours truly, Hamish S in second and Aslan C in first. Shout out to everyone who worked so hard to make it an amazing day.

We have Ennan in 6CU and his sister Mayly in 3KG who are taking action by establishing the Polished Man fundraiser and raising awareness of violence against children. Be sure to support Ennan and Mayly each recess by bringing in a gold coin donation to get your nail painted.

Our 'Tonnes of Fun Movie Festival' is coming up soon, the movie being... *How to Train your Dragon: The Hidden World*. It's going to be an amazing night with lots of fun and games so book your tickets and bean bags.

I hope you have all had an amazing start to the term!

School Captain Hamish, out.



# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an amazing week and what a great event to officially open our oval yesterday!

## Walk-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who came along and/or supported our walk-a-thon on Thursday. What a brilliant day and way to celebrate our new oval. The traditional smoking ceremony was a highlight for me. It was wonderful to have our community come together and have so much fun throughout the day. The pride in being able to show our invited guests how we have turned our year around was evident. I am always blown away at how hard our staff work at making great things happen for our kids. We will be tallying up our donations next week and we can't wait to see the total amount raised.

## State Athletics

Congratulations to our boys under 12s 100m relay team (Ares, Kirk, Isa and Thomas) who won silver at yesterday's State Athletics Championship! And to Maddox who came fifth in the discus event. We are so incredibly proud of you all. A special shout out to Heather and Travis Wilson who have coached, guided and supported our athletics team through the past months.



## Planting and The Green Team

What a super effort from our student Green Team and parent helps this week planting our new trees in the planter boxes on the oval terraced seating. It looks fantastic. The Green Team are now working out a plan for watering and caring for our new plants. We hope to have



a lot more plants in the coming weeks for the embankment area. A great job for our upcoming Helping Hands Day!



## Helping Hands Day

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November we invite our families to come together for our next Helping Hands Day. We have a wide variety of jobs to be done around the school including planting, painting, cleaning and weeding. With some generous paint donations received, we would love to repaint our student toilets and the Year Four corridor area. Last weekend one of our school councillors and parent, Alysia Gilligan, painted the boy's gym toilets and the difference it has made is amazing. Many hands would really make all these jobs easier to complete and really make our school grounds look fantastic for the Tonnes of Fun Festival and Movie Night.



## 2020 Foundation

Our new Foundation students for 2020 have begun their transition to school. It has been exciting to see them, and get to know them, through our story time sessions. Today some of our Year Four students (who will be their buddy year level next year) were our guest readers and it warmed my heart with the way they interacted and took them under their wings. Next week our parent information evening will take place, soon followed by the November orientation sessions. I can now confirm that the Foundation teaching team for 2020 will be Macalie Vlah, Sharon McWhinney, Cherie Watson and Emma Taylor.

## 2020 Enrolments

We are now finalising our 2020 enrolments across all year levels. We have some availability for additional enrolments from Year One to Six. Please contact our office if you have interest in further enrolments at our school in 2020 to discuss.

If your family intends on leaving ENPS in 2020 can you please let the office know as soon as possible.

# ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## Home Group Placement

The placement of students into classes is incredibly important to us at ENPS and a process that we work incredibly hard on as a whole school staff. As reflected in our policy, there are many factors taken into consideration including academic, emotional and social. We value the voice of our students and staff through this process, however also recognise and value parent perspectives too. If you feel you have important information to be considered as a part of this grade placement process for 2020, please put that in writing to me, no later than Friday 1st November via email at [barletta.kate.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:barletta.kate.e@edumail.vic.gov.au). I know you will appreciate, there are many considerations in this process, and parent input does not mean an agreement or guarantee.

## 2020 Book Pack

Next week our 2020 Book Pack information will go home through Compass. A notable addition to our book pack for 2020 is Mathletics and STEM education. This explains the increase in price for 2020. Like Reading Eggs, Mathletics will be available for every student for both school and home use. This comes at a cost of around \$15 per child, heavily discounted compared to private purchase. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education is a priority area for us moving forward and supporting this with student resources will certainly maximise learning across the school.

If you have any questions regarding the book pack information, please don't hesitate to come and see myself or Cathy in the office.

## Child Safety and Protection

We have a number of policies that have recently been ratified at School Council in relation to child safety and protection. Ministerial Order 870 - Child Safe Standards - Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools provides guidance on how the Standards apply to a school setting. This is fundamentally important to us at ENPS and central to so much of our work. The standards for child safety and protection are:

- Standard 1: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety
- Standard 2: A child safety policy or a statement of commitment to child safety
- Standard 3: A Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Standard 4: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse
- Standard 5: Procedures for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- Standard 6: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
- Standard 7: Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.

The Standards apply to all organisations that provide services to children. Policies are available on our school website.

## Parent and Child Workshops- Child Safety and Protection

This year we are very proud to offer child safety and protection workshops for our families. These workshops are aimed to encourage conversations between parents and their children about body safety, puberty, reproduction and the importance of talking to a trusted adult. These are fun, relaxed and interactive workshops and will be held at ENPS on Tuesday 12th November, organised into three different workshops targeted for Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Parents attend with their child/children. As a school we subsidise this event for families. Ticket details are available through Compass.

## Centenary Celebrations

Thank you all for your ongoing support and hope to see you all at one or more of our upcoming events! I have been reading up on our school's history and there are so many possibilities for what we can do over the year next year to commemorate our 100 years. If you, or someone you knew, went to ENPS please encourage them to join our database [via our googleform](#). As a part of Tonnes of Fun Festival we will have a stall to share ideas, join the database and bring any photos of memorabilia along to really get centenary planning started. If you would like to join our centenary planning team, I would love to chat with you! We have found some copies of the 75th anniversary book that was produced which is a great insight into our history if you would like to read, and we are keen to document the last 25 years to complete our history to date. More information in the newsletter.



## Taking Action

I thought I would share with you an action I have recently taken with my family. Last Sunday I had the very humbling and enriching experience with my daughter, Bella, to spend the afternoon in the Melbourne CBD with a not-for-profit group, Christmas on the Streets (COTS). Making time to listen to the stories of people on the streets, and spending time just talking to them was a really special experience for us. With the help of some close friends, we had made care packs for people and dogs which we also distributed.



## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED



### Danny Pearson Visit

As Danny Pearson MP couldn't make our official opening yesterday, Danny called in this morning to see our oval. Danny is very keen supporting our community.

We have another exciting week ahead at ENPS. The Year Two students and team will be off on their first overnight camp to Lady Northcote on Tuesday, we have the 2020 Foundation Information Evening on Wednesday evening, Tonnes of Fun Festival and Movie Night raffle tickets and further details of competitions will be coming home, and don't forget we have a

Curriculum Day (student free) on Friday 1st November. Assembly will be on Thursday afternoon instead.

Happy Diwali to all of our families.

Kate Barletta  
Acting Principal

## COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS DAY



**DATE: SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**TIME: 8AM UNTIL FINISHED**

We have a range of little jobs and big jobs that need to be done around the school. It is true that many hands make light work! Can you help? We have all sorts of jobs from cleaning, gardening and painting. Come and join us to give our school a well deserved "spruce up" ahead of our Tonnes of Fun Festival. All welcome!

Children are welcome to come and help where appropriate or just enjoy some time in the playground.

Jobs	Equipment Required
Sand pit clean up (Year One area)	Brooms, brush and dust pans
Spreading and levelling of soil under blue tarp near bike racks	Shovels, wheelbarrow, buckets, rakes
Prep playground clean-up & replenishing/ leveling bark	Rake, bucket, brush and dust pans
Spreading tan bark and mulch on front gardens	Shovels, wheelbarrow, gloves, rakes
Weeding back of gym and around school perimeter	Shovels, wheelbarrow, gloves
Shallow planting in front of school	Shovels, wheelbarrow, buckets, rakes
Planting on embankment	Shovels, wheelbarrow, buckets, rakes
Painting toilets (Gym girls and main boys and girls), and Year Four corridor	Rollers, paint brushes, drop sheets, painters tape
Fence signage/ bunting re-fixing on internal fence walls	Scissors, pliers, zip ties
Blowing/ sweep and tidy the new asphalt	Blowers, brush and brush and dust pans
Clean up entrance to gym area - near drink taps	Brooms, brush and dust pans, high pressure sprayer

# SEA PARENT & CHILD EDUCATION SESSION



## 'Let's Talk' Parent & Child Nights

SEA Parent & Child Nights reinforce the idea that parents/carers are the primary educators of their children when it comes to learning about growing bodies, keeping safe and being confident. These sessions are designed to encourage conversations between parents/carers and their children about bodies, reproduction, pregnancy and birth. It's important young people have access to accurate, age-appropriate information to help them feel reassured and informed. The sessions are relaxed and fun and a positive way to start or continue conversations at home.

### Year 1 & 2 (45 mins) 'All about me'

#### Topics covered:

- how families can be similar and different
- basic names of male and female reproductive parts
- trusted adults — who we can talk to
- concept of public and private
- body safety and protective behaviour messages
- feelings and how we can talk about them

### Year 5 & 6 (60 mins) 'So, this is puberty'

#### Topics covered:

- learn the names and some functions of reproductive body parts
- reinforce body safety messages
- understand how puberty prepares the body for reproduction
- learn about the physical, social and emotional changes of puberty and how to manage them
- discuss responsible use of technology and social media
- respect and what it means to be kind
- importance of talking to trusted adult

### Year 3 & 4 (45 mins) 'Growing & changing'

#### Topics covered:

- beginnings of a baby
- how families can be different
- learn the names of reproductive body parts of males and females
- talk about body safety/protective behaviours
- trusted adults — who are they?
- introduction to puberty

### TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019 — ESSENDON NORTH PS

Year 1-2 children & parents/carers: 5pm — 5.45pm

Year 3-4 children & parents/carers: 6-6.45pm

Year 5-6 children & parents/carers: 7-8pm

#### Pricing:

Ticket to one session (family pass): \$15

Ticket to two sessions (family pass): \$25

Ticket to all sessions (family pass): \$35

Any queries, please contact Jenny on 9029 9681 or [jenny@seaprograms.com.au](mailto:jenny@seaprograms.com.au)

Tickets can be purchased online at:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BGGUX>

# TONNES OF FUN FESTIVAL

## AND MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2019

6-10PM

SIZZLING  
BBQ

STAGE  
SHOW

POPCORN  
AND FAIRY  
FLOSS

RAFFLE  
PHOTO  
BOOTH

WATCH  
DreamWorks  
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR  
DRAGON  
THE HIDDEN WORLD  
MOVIE

TWISTA  
POTATOES

ENPS  
TALENT  
SHOW

PLUS  
TONNES  
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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FAW	JUDE O; -
FCW	JACOB S; -
FMV	ISLA S; RILEY
FSM	- ; JACOB
1CT	ZOE M; ZAK
1ES/NB	RYE; REID
1JS	- ; LEAH
1MS	JOSH; GIANNE
2AJ	LAURA P; JAY
2CM	GERRY; ANGIE
2CW	RUBY; TREVOR
2SG	LUCY; CHRISTINA
3AP	RIDDHI; -
3AS	- ; -
3EG	SPENCER; AMELIE
3KG	JUDE; LILY & ZARA
3MP	- ; -
4BN	KIRK; -
4JS	- ; JAYDE
4LC/RS	YANNI; JAMES
4MA	- ; -
5ET	KAYSHAV; AMBER
5LE	SCARLETT ; OREN
5MG	- ; OSCAR
5ST	STEPHAN; LEILA
6CS	AARAV; ANA
6CU	LILY; RUBY
6EG	TARA; -
6JK	VINCENT; LUCAS

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Maria, FSM                      Bronwen, 6CS

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Hamish S, 6EG                      Ennan S, 6CU  
Aarav J, 6CS                      Joel A, 6CU

Caitlin S, 6CS

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Jesse F-H, 5LE                      Kirk K, 4BN  
Thomas L, 4LC/RS                      Isa M, 4JS

Ares S, 5MG  
Maddox W, 6CU

## MVCC CHRISTMAS DESIGN

At the end of the newsletter is a template provided by Moonee Valley City Council, inviting ENPS students to participate by designing a decoration to celebrate the holiday season.

### What is the decoration project?

Students can draw or paint a decoration onto the circle. Students' designs will then be specially printed and hung at two locations: Christmas Tree on Mt Alexander Road or on the front of the stage at Carols in Queens Park on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

For more information, contact [incinerator@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:incinerator@mvcc.vic.gov.au) or call 03 9243 1750

## ANDREW NUNNS SCHOOL OF MUSIC @ ENPS

Music Student of the Week: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019:

Alexa L, 2AJ	Olivia H, 2CW	Tate R, 2SG
Hermaia V, 4JS	Yanni K, 4LC/RS	

Music Student of the Week: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019:

Owin J, FAW	Sarwagh B, 2AJ	Josh B, 3AP
Shaazrah K, 4MA		

## SUNSMART

ENPS's sun smart policy is enforced from September to April. Please remember:

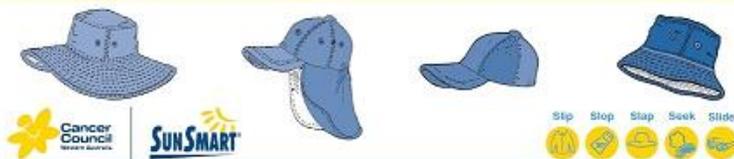
- to apply your sunscreen at the start of each day; and
- **WEAR YOUR HAT.**

Remember no hat, no play, no fun today.

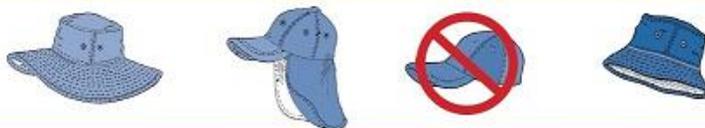
Check labels on clothing for UV protection - **SUN PROTECTIVE CLOTHING** and long sleeves are another way to care for your skin.

Check the UV index the Sun Smart app for daily information.

### One of these things is not like the others



### Caps don't keep the sun off!



SunSmart hats protect the neck, ears, temples and sides of the face. Broad brimmed, bucket and legionnaire hats all offer very good protection to these vulnerable areas. Baseball caps and sun visors do not provide adequate protection to these areas which are common sites for skin cancer.

## 2020 FOUNDATION STORYTIME

Transition for our 2020 Foundation families has begun! On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and today, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October we have held 'Storytime' sessions for our future Foundation students to become familiar with their new school surroundings. We look forward to seeing parents this coming Wednesday for the Transition Information Evening commencing at 6:30pm at the Gannawarra Centre, 132 Keilor Road, Essendon North.



## G.A.T.E.WAYS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Last Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, we had four Year Six students: Ennan S, Caitlin S, Hamish S and Aarav G represent ENPS at the G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge within our region.

The students demonstrated excellent teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills in science, maths, performance and writing in order to take out first place.

As a result of their success, these students will be heading off on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December to represent ENPS at the National Final in Box Hill. Preparations will continue during the coming weeks to ensure that they are prepared and ready to take on the challenge against the 20 teams who will be competing on the day and we wish them every success.



### ICAS Competition results

The results for ICAS Competitions are available online for any students who would like to access these prior to the presentation of certificates at school. To access these results you will need to use your student ID.

As yet, we have not received the certificates however will organise presentation of these ASAP as they arrive.

## WALK TO SCHOOL OCTOBER

ENPS is registered to participate in Walk to School 2019, encouraging all students to walk, scooter, jog or skip to school this October.

Completed participation cards may be returned to the box in the office. Prizes include \$200 and \$100 Rebel Sports vouchers and Bounce family passes.

The Walk commenced on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and finishes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Even if you don't live near school, park a few blocks away and take an enjoyable stroll to and from school to participate!

# VPA CHINA STUDENT EXCHANGE



You would have seen from our Compass updates, our team of students with Mrs Galea are having an amazing experience on the VPA China Study Tour.

Michelle and Caitlin, Nadra, Joanna, Ava and Amelia will spend fourteen days experiencing school and life in China. We wish them safe travels and a wonderful time. We will be sharing tour updates throughout the two weeks on Compass and in our coming newsletters.



# YEAR TWO NARRATIVE SHARING

As part of our writing process, we wanted to share our published narratives with an audience.

The Year Two students were excited to brainstorm, plan, draft, revise, edit, publish and share our stories with the foundation students.



We were happy to share our hard work and explain the writing process.

We also asked them for feedback on what they liked about our writing.

We wanted to make sure they were entertaining so we included lots of pictures and interesting characters.

I think all the Year Twos were proud to share their hardwork.

*Aneesh and Anika, 2CM on behalf of the Year Two cohort*



*"I liked the creativity!"*  
Edith FSM

## Essendon North Primary School

Save the Date

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

December 16th, 2019  
5:45pm Arrival for students  
7:00pm Arrival for parents  
School Gym

Class of 2019

## OFFICE NEWS

### Updating your details

All personal family details should be kept up-to-date, such as:

- Change of address;
- Family parenting arrangements (and plans);
- Change in employment status.

Please advise us by either visiting the office or contact us at [essendon.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:essendon.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### Students leaving at the end of school year

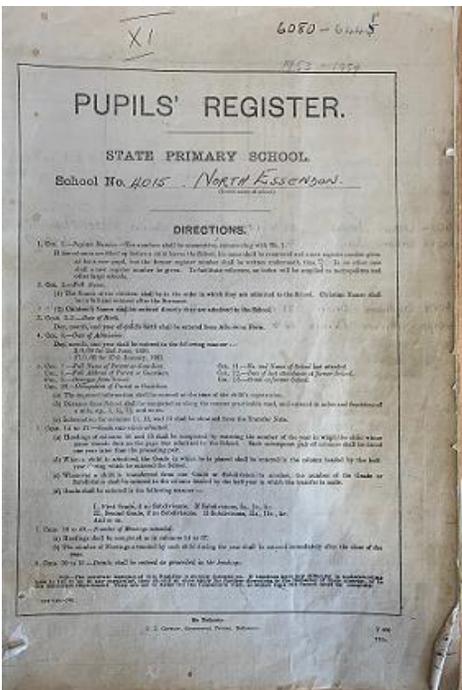
Please advise the office in writing as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to ENPS in 2020. Please confirm the final date of attendance at ENPS and the new school your child will be attending.

### 2020 Book Pack

Book pack will be available for payment from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November on Compass.

Payment plans are be available for families to arrange payments into manageable portions. Please enquire at the office to set a plan up.

## CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



Can you help our research from 1975 – 2020?

Our 'Essendon North Primary School Centenary Celebrations' will take place in September 2020 and we are currently gathering a database of past students, families and staff members through our 'Essendon North Primary School Centenary Reunion' public Facebook page. On this page is a link to our googleform (private) database or you can add your details to the database directly [in our Google Form](#). Contact the school office or Kate Barletta at [barletta.kate.e@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:barletta.kate.e@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you are keen to be involved.

Do you have old photos or memorabilia?

Do you know someone who attended ENPS? Staff, student or parent?

Do you have ideas for ways to celebrate our 100 years in 2020?

## SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

A reminder to all students and families that the school grounds are not supervised until 8.30am in the morning. Students at school before 8.30am will be directed to Camp Australia, Before School Care.

After school, the gates are supervised between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. Parents will be contacted if students are not picked up by 3.30pm, and students will be sent to Camp Australia, After School Care. Families are advised that school gates will be locked at 3:30pm.

# WALK-A-THON - FINAL CALL FOR FUNDRAISING!

The Walk-A-Thon is over and it's time to collect your sponsors money!

Payments will be available online until **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. For those with cash payments, please return your cash with the last page of the sponsorship booklet with students name, class, amount raised and any prizes they would like to order **to the office**.



## STEP 1. CREATE

Parents, create your child's Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au). Go on, get clicking.

You can choose from a range of avatars, set a fundraising goal and try your luck in the \$200,000 Free Sponsorship Giveaway Promotion.

You can also register for online fundraising provided your school has activated online fundraising. It's the easiest way to reach your fundraising goal.

**Select a prize from this sponsorship form and make it your goal.**



## STEP 2. RAISE FUNDS

Family and friends are your greatest supporters so ask them first for your support. You can raise funds online or in cash using the back pages of this sponsorship form.

Raising as little as \$10 will entitle you to a great prize, but why not aim higher? The more sponsorship donations you receive the better prize you can choose!



## STEP 3. CLAIM PRIZES

Before the Order Prize Due Date there are two options to place your prize orders:

1. Login to [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and click the Order My Prize button, or
2. Complete the back page of this sponsorship form and return to the school together with any cash donations.

For more information on how to claim prizes, please view the back page of this sponsorship form.

You can choose up to five incentive prizes dependent on the amount of sponsorship donations received.



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# **ENPS TALENT QUEST**

**ENPS COMMUNITY FAIR IS FAST APPROACHING**

**DATE: SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**TIME: COMMENCING AROUND 6:30PM**

We would like to invite Singers, Musicians, Bands, Comedians, Actors, Dancers and Gymnasts to perform at our Community Fair in the ENPS Talent Quest.

Also, we would like to invite and encourage the parent community who are interested in performing and entertaining our community too.

Any parent that has known of any cultural performances or has contacts in the entertainment business could you please contact Sharon McWhinney at [mcwhinney.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mcwhinney.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au) or return the slip attached to this flyer by **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

Kind Regards,

Sharon McWhinney



Name(s) or Group Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Class (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details (phone/email): \_\_\_\_\_



## Parking near a school

- Play it safe.
- Adhere to the 40km per hour zone when travelling in an operated school zone.
- Do not park on or near a school crossing.
- Do not double park.
- Always let your child out on the kerb side of the road.
- When using the pink drop off zones, you cannot wait more than two minutes or you will be issued with an infringement. Plan to arrive after the bell rings at pick up time.

## Tips for parents

- Map out the safest route possible.
- Prior to the first day of school walk or cycle the route with your child several times so they are familiar with it.
- Talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time.
- Identify any 'safe houses' along the way ie. homes belonging to neighbours, relatives or friends.
- Teach your child to always cross at pedestrian crossings or intersections, to stop one step back from the kerb and to be fully alert when crossing the road.
- Teach your child to look out for cars entering and exiting driveways.

## Tips for kids

- Put away anything that might distract you such as mobile phones, music or gaming devices.
- Always use the school crossing, and wait for the Crossing Supervisor to blow their whistle before crossing the road.
- If riding your bike or scooter, check that your helmet fits firmly and your brakes work.
- Only children under 12 years of age and the adult with them are allowed to ride on the footpath.
- You must have a bell or horn on your bike to warn others that you are coming.

For more safety tips and information go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool) or contact our Transport Project Officer on 9243 8888.



# Getting to and from school



## Better Moves to Schools maps

The Better Moves to Schools map is an interactive map designed to help you and your child/ren map out a route to school, find walking/cycling paths that already exist or identify an easy place to park and walk to primary school.

Select your school and view the Active Path and Walking School Bus routes, Park and Walk locations and pedestrian crossings and plot your route.

## Active Paths

Is your school an Active Paths school? The Active Paths initiative is about making it easier for students that want to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school.

Council works with the school and bicycle network through our Better Moves Around Schools Program to identify paths to school which are most direct, fun and based on where students live. Footpath decals will guide students along the way. If your school has Active Paths, grab some friends and make it fun walking to and from school.

To find out more about Better Moves to Schools maps and Active Paths go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool)

## Walking School Bus

The Walking School Bus is a fun, healthy and safe way for primary school-aged children to travel to and from school.

Children walk to school accompanied by two adult leaders (a 'driver' and 'conductor') picking up children at 'bus stops' on the way to school.

It aims to increase physical activity amongst children and reduce traffic congestion around schools.

The Walking School Bus is a free program run in collaboration with Council, VicHealth, schools, parent volunteers, traders and community groups.

Walking School Bus routes are marked on the Better Moves to Schools maps.

To join a Walking School Bus or to start your own Bus go to [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool)

## Walk to School Challenge

Each year we support VicHealth's Walk to School initiative by challenging all school aged children to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school in October.

It's a fun, free and easy way to get active, win awesome prizes and get to know your neighbourhood.

Your school can give you information or check [mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/gettingtoschool) for updates

## Park and Walk

If it's too far to walk to school from home, why not walk some of the way? We've identified a number of Park and Walk locations around primary schools in Moonee Valley to help you experience the fun of walking to school, even if it's a long way from home.

Park and Walk locations are marked on the Better Moves to Schools maps.



## Invitation to Moonee Valley Primary Schools

### Design a decoration for display at Carols in Queens Park 2019!

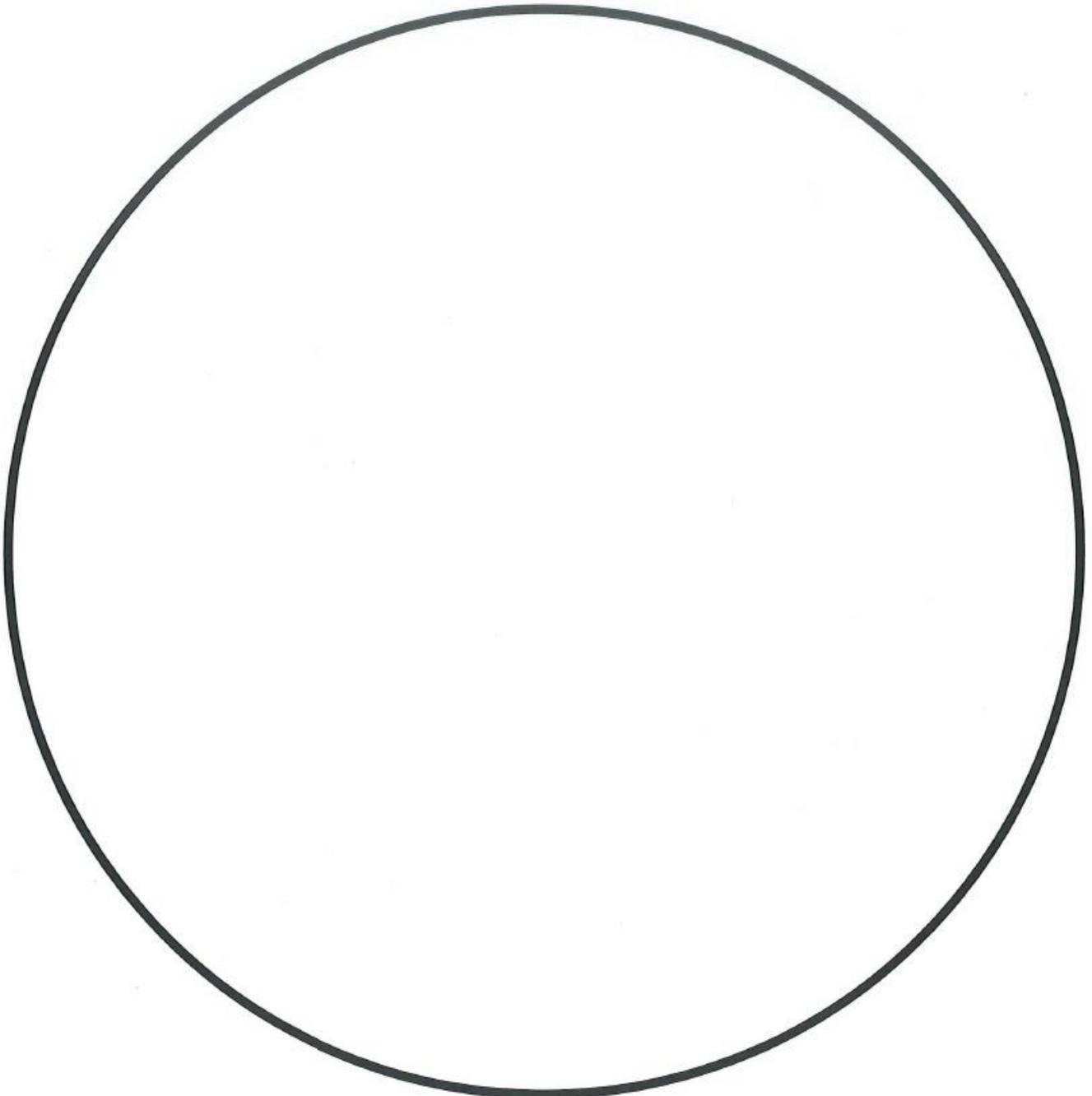
Carols in Queens Park is Moonee Valley City Council's flagship Christmas celebration event held in the stunning surrounds of Queens Park, Moonee Ponds. This much-loved event presents an afternoon and evening of celebration with programmed entertainment and free children's activities.

This year, we would like to invite your students from your school to participate by designing a decoration to celebrate the holiday season.

#### What is the decoration project?

Students can draw or paint a decoration onto the circle. Students' designs will then be specially printed and hung at two locations: Christmas Tree on Mt Alexander Road or on the front of the stage at Carols in Queens Park on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

For more information, contact [incinerator@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:incinerator@mvcc.vic.gov.au) or call 03 9243 1750



- Copies of the template are available in the office.
- Once completed, you may return your drawing to the office by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November (to be sent to Council).