



# Viewbank Voice

*Love of Learning, Learning For Life*

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## DIARY DATES

**Tue Oct 18**  
Graduation/Sports/Music Photos

**Thu Oct 20**  
**Walkathon – Whole School**



**Fri Oct 21**  
FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY  
Heidelberg Golf Club  
12 noon

**Sat Oct 22**  
Council Election BBQ

**Fri Oct 28**  
Group Walk to School Day

**Tue Nov 1**  
Melb Cup Public Holiday

**Thu Nov 3**  
Japanese Day  
Whole school event

**Sat-Sun Nov 12-13**  
Vision Portraits Family  
Fundraising photos

**Mon-Wed Nov 21-23**  
Grade 3 Urban Camp

**Thu Nov 24**  
2017 Prep Info Night 7-8pm

**Fri Nov 25**  
Grade 2 Sleepover

**Wed Dec 7**  
2017 Prep Classroom Session 1  
11.30am-1pm

**Mon Dec 12**  
Grade 6 Graduation

**Wed Dec 14**  
2017 Prep Classroom Session 2  
11.30am-1pm

**Tue Dec 20**  
Last Day of Term 4  
Early Dismissal 1.30pm

**Mon Jan 30**  
Term 1 starts – Student-free day

**Tue Jan 31**  
Students return to school

**TWITTER**  
**@viewbankps**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

14 October, 2016

### SCHOOL CAMP

Yesterday our 95 students and 10 staff members returned from the Lady Northcote Camp at Bacchus Marsh, as always we were in constant contact with our staff throughout the week. The weather wasn't quite as warm as we would have liked, but nevertheless, everyone has had a fun time with the highlights including the whole day and night at Sovereign Hill, the giant swing, canoeing and yabbing. Many thanks to all who help plan and implement events such as these. When all is said and done, staff are on duty 24 hours a day for 4 days!

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

The Parents and Friends group are very active currently, and you will be aware that on next Thursday, October 20, one of our major fundraisers for the year is taking place – our school walkathon. And then on Friday, October 21 a more 'corporate' fundraiser is also happening with a golf day at the Heidelberg Golf Club. Looking forward to both events.



Don't forget, it's not too late to register and play in this event next week. Should be a wonderful community event!!

**FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2016**

**Heidelberg Golf Club**

**12pm registration / Shotgun start 1pm**

**\$100 per player**

<https://www.trybooking.com/MURW>

### TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COMMONSENSE AROUND THE SCHOOL

Last week we had a close call with a very hasty, and quite dangerous, drop-off and departure at the front gate. Gate 1 is an entrance and exit for foot traffic, not a quick drop off point for cars, and I plead for extra care and diligence around the school. We should all be constantly aware of the lack of road sense of (especially) our younger students, and diligent in ensuring that the safety of all is paramount. Thank you.

## **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS**

Ministerial Order No. 870 became law earlier this year and sets out the specific actions that schools need to take to meet child safe standards. The introduction of child safe standards form part of the Victorian Government's response to the recommendations of the ***Betrayal of Trust*** report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in schools. The Child Safe Standards set out to create safe places for children to fully and actively participate in the life of the community benefiting everyone. Viewbank Primary School will ensure that the children in its care are protected to the best of its ability and in line with their duty of care and the compulsory child safe standards.

School Council recently endorsed a range of updated policies which I will be including in today's, and upcoming newsletters. Please take the time to read these carefully.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

A reminder that the October School Council meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, October 20 commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm in my office.

## **FAMILIES MOVING SCHOOLS IN 2017**

If there are any families who are moving schools in 2017 for whatever reason, could you please advise the office, or Bill Kersing personally, as soon as possible please? This will ensure that your children are not included in grade placements for 2017, and it gives us a greater degree of certainty when planning grade structures, determining whether or not we need to select new teachers and a range of other organizational matters.

## **PARENTAL REQUESTS FOR STUDENT GRADE PLACEMENTS**

As is customary, over the next four or five weeks we will be requesting input from our families with regards to the placement of students into classes for 2017. At this stage, we have not assigned teachers to grade levels for next year, and in fact

still need to select a few teachers to fill those roles next year. There are no guarantees that teachers currently teaching at certain grade levels will be teaching there next year, as leadership needs to take into consideration a range of factors including the development of our teaching staff and teacher preferences before this allocation is completed. Having said that, we do invite your input into grade selection if there are special circumstances that we need to know about.

Occasionally we may not be aware of special circumstances that need to be considered during the class selection process. Such special circumstances might include but are not limited to health, emotional or learning matters, peer or sibling relationships or changes in the home situation. **Selecting a particular teacher does not fit within the realm of special circumstances.** Information requiring our consideration needs to be addressed to 'The Principal' and handed to the office by Monday, October 31. Please note that letters received after this date will **NOT** be accepted.

All letters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Whilst each request will be given consideration, no guarantees can be given as there are many factors that need to be taken into consideration whilst grade lists are being compiled, with gender balance, diversity of learning styles, abilities and friendship groupings being some of the major ones. ***Finally, if you consider you have special circumstances, please make the request in writing EVEN if it has been made before*** – as much as we would like to think so, we can't remember everything from years gone by!! We do appreciate your trust in our professionalism in these regards.

That's it from me this week.

Kind regards,

Bill Kersing  
Principal



## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### 2016

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December  
**Nov 1: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

### 2017

Term 1: 30 January (teachers start)  
 31 January (students start)  
 to 31 March  
 Term 2: 18 April (Tuesday) to 30 June  
 Term 3: 17 July to 22 September  
 Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

\* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school.

## HATS ON

From 1st September until 30th April school hats must be worn outside during all outside activities.



## UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY TUESDAY

The Uniform shop is open every Tuesday from 9am to 10am. Orders can be left at the office and uniform sent home with your child.



## SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget to hand your bank books to your class teacher every Tuesday for banking.



## PUPIL OF THE WEEK – 10/10/2016

PREP D	Roahn & Karina
PREP F	Parker & Keira
PREP E	Veronica & Alisha
PREP R	Isla & Sophia
1R	Harry
1B	Luke
1C	Sukhjeet & Liam
2H	Hannah & Liam
2L	Sara
2C	Joshua
2F	Elizabeth
2R	Ethan
3B	Sam
3M	Skye
3K	Joshua
3W	Bailey
4L	Mikayla
4S	Lilla
4R	Tyson
6N	Olivia
6K	Eli
6M	Jarrod



## CHOIR

If you love singing and performing with others then come along and join in.



WHO: Students in Grades 3 and up

WHEN: Wednesday Mornings  
 Before School @ 8:15

WHERE: IN THE MUSIC ROOM

MRS PANACCIO

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

## SMART START

We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Year 6 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit [www.startsmart.com.au](http://www.startsmart.com.au).

## ELECTION DAY BBQ

### **Your help is needed Saturday 22nd October, 2016**

Viewbank Primary School Parents and Friends Association will be having a Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 22nd October (Council Election Day), at Viewbank Primary School.

We are asking for people to offer 1 or 2 hours of their time on the day between the hours of 8:00am to 3:00pm. Or if you prefer you can chop onions at your own home. Remember the money raised will go directly to our school.

Please inform the office if you are able to assist us [viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

We thank you, and all the children thank you for your fantastic support **we really can't do it without you!!!**



## VPS PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



### **VIEWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Bookings are now open on the  
Trybooking web site.**

<https://www.trybooking.com/MURW>

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2016  
Heidelberg Golf Club**

**12pm registration / Shotgun start 1pm  
\$100 per player**

**Sponsorship \$1,000 includes 4 players –  
Advertising in the school's newsletter, a sign displayed  
on the sponsored hole on the day and the school's fence  
for the remainder of the year.**

**Drinks and finger food will be provided at the  
19<sup>th</sup> hole pre and post the round.**

**Bookings for the day close on  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**Limited Golf Carts are available to hire on the day.  
Please pre book one directly with the golf club on  
9433 5304**

**This event is limited to 72 players.**

**For all ticketing enquiries, please contact the school  
office on 9459 1512**

<https://www.trybooking.com/MURW>

*\*Please be advised that there is a 30 cent Trybooking fee per ticket*

# Viewbank Primary School Walkathon



Dear Parents and Friends,

One of our major Fundraisers for 2016 is our Walkathon. On, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October all Viewbank Primary School students will take part in this annual event completing laps around the perimeter of the school. Each lap is approx. 600 metres in length.

The students will walk at the following times:

Prep	9:20 – 9:50am
Grade 1 & 2	10:00 – 11:00am
Grade 5 & 6	11:45 – 1:00pm
Grade 3 & 4	2:00 – 3:15pm

Please find attached to this newsletter the sponsorship form, where we ask you to sponsor our students, and to seek sponsorship from family, friends, neighbours and workmates. Of course, the children will get great benefit from taking part in the walk!! We anticipate the maximum laps completed in the time allowed will be 8 for the younger students and 14 for the older students. All monies raised will go towards additional playground equipment.

All students will be rewarded with an icy pole back at school after the completion of the walk.

**Sponsorship forms and monies need be returned to school by Friday, October 28.**  
**Monies AND forms need to be returned together.**

All students will be provided with a wrist band for the walk, and these will be hole punched at the conclusion of each lap. Once the walk is over the children will bring their cards home and collection of monies can then be organised.

As always, we could not hold an activity such as this without the support of our parents and friends, both financially and on the day. If you can assist on the day by walking with your children, acting as a course marshall, hole punching cards after each lap, or simply cheering on our students we would be very grateful for your assistance. *Please let your child's teacher know that you can help asap, or let any of the office staff know and they will record your name and phone number to pass on to the Parents and Friends group to assist in planning.*

Please support this major fundraiser, as it is the only one of its kind in 2016, and we do rely on fundraising to support equipment purchases, which in turn support your child's education.

Thank you in advance,  
The Parents and Friends Association



## VISION PORTRAIT FAMILY FUNDRAISING PHOTOS

\$15 for a 10" x 13" Photo and Frame  
**Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th November, 2016**  
**at Viewbank Primary School**

Book online at: [www.trybooking.com/NDOM](http://www.trybooking.com/NDOM)

Cash Bookings: hand \$15 to the office

Bookings Due by: Friday 4th November, 2016

- Don't miss this great opportunity to update your family photos
- Choose your time, book & pay online
- Cash bookings are also welcome
- 100% of booking fee raised for School
- Families, relatives, couples, all welcome
- Share the link with friends and family everyone's welcome!
- Choose either an Indoor or Outdoor Photo Shoot

[www.trybooking.com/NDOM](http://www.trybooking.com/NDOM)



## JAPANESE DAY SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER



CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**VIEWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL – WHOLE SCHOOL SUSHI DAY**  
**CELEBRATING JAPANESE DAY – THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016!**  
 \$5 per pack of 2 sushi rolls (no mixed packs available)



Please Circle or Highlight your choice

SUSHI MENU – TWO HAND ROLLS per pack and a soy sauce.

AVOCADO Handroll (2)  
 TUNA Handroll (2)  
 TERIYAKI CHICKEN Handroll (2)  
 CUCUMBER Handroll (2)  
 VEGETARIAN Handroll (2)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND MONEY TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## WALK TO SCHOOL



October is here and it is Walk to School month! We'd like to encourage everyone to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October. Your child's walks will be recorded by their teacher on a Walk to School calendar. The school with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some great prizes from VicHealth!

To help you walk the safest route to school Banyule Council has created a safe routes to school map (get these at the office). We would also like to encourage everyone to walk with your nearby Viewbank Primary families. What a fun way to get to school! If you can't walk all the way drive part way and walk the rest!

## GROUP WALK TO SCHOOL FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

To celebrate Walk to School we are having a group walk at 8.30 am on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> from Price Park to Viewbank Primary School. Children will need to be accompanied by parents during this walk. Then at school students will have a fresh fruit breakfast.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

### FRUIT PREPARATION FOR GROUP WALK TO SCHOOL

We are asking for volunteers to help prepare fruit on the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> or you could take some fruit home to chop up. If you can assist please contact the front office and leave a message for Gianna.

Remember Walk to School is through all of October so try to walk, scoot or ride as often as possible. #partwayisok.

For Walk to School Information:

[www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)

[www.facebook.com/WalktoSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WalktoSchool)

[twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic](https://twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic)



#### Information for parents and carers

Walk to School this October and kick-start your child's active habits for life.

VicHealth's Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Walking to and from school can also give you more time to connect and chat with your kids, and the opportunity to meet up with other local families along the way.

If you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved - simply drive part way and walk, ride or scoot the rest!

#### Your family can get involved

Taking part through your child's school  
 If your child's school is taking part in Walk to School, your child's teacher will record how many times students walk to and from school during October, using a classroom calendar. Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some fantastic prizes - so each time your child walks, they're also increasing their school's chances!

#### Taking part online

If your child's school is not taking part in Walk to School, your child can still participate, and make their walking count, by signing up, with your permission, via the Walk to School website [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au). Your child can then keep track of their walks during October, and contribute to the state-wide effort taking place during October.

Regardless of how many times they walk, children can enter fun walking-themed competitions each week, and have a chance of winning some fantastic prizes. Competitions will be promoted on the Walk to School website and Facebook page throughout October.

#### Our community partner

Walk to School 2016 is proudly supported by our Official Community Partner, Melbourne City FC. Schools and students participating in Walk to School 2016 will have the chance to win fantastic prizes from Melbourne City FC.

#### More information

- [walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au)
- [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)
- [www.facebook.com/WalkToSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WalkToSchool)
- [twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic](https://twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic)

#### What information will be collected?

Why does VicHealth collect information about school and student Walk to School participation?  
 By collecting information about participation, VicHealth will be able to work out new and better ways to encourage children to be active.  
 VicHealth will use the data we collect to see how much walking is happening in different parts of Victoria, and to measure the impact of Walk to School on walking behaviour. We will use aggregate data for individual schools, schools within a region, and schools in the state, so we can evaluate participation, identify walking trends and behaviour, and measure program





### Walk to School COMPETITION

**Write a Limerick! About your walk to school** - A limerick is a humorous poem consisting of just five lines.

As part of the VicHealth/Banyule Walk to School Program being held throughout October, we would love to hear your Limerick—I walked to school...

Prizes: 6 prizes of \$40 Rebel vouchers to be won! Winners announced on Council's facebook page and website.

Open to all students attending a primary school in Banyule. All entries should include your name, school and contact phone number.

**Good luck and enjoy your walk to school!**

Email entries to: [transport@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:transport@banyule.vic.gov.au)

Or send in to:  
 Banyule City Council  
 Transport Planning  
 Walk to School -  
 Competition  
 PO BOX 51, IVANHOE

Entries must  
be received  
by Monday  
October 31



**CYBERSMART TIP**

# Cybersmart Tip



Remember YAPPY (the personal information you should **not** share online) – **Y**our full name, **a**ddress, **p**hone number, **p**asswords, **y**our plans.

[www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

**GRADE 5 CAMP PHOTOS**



**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**ATTENTION PAST STUDENTS & FAMILIES!!!**

Denise Leslie, our Green Group 3yo kinder teacher is retiring after 25 wonderful years! We would like to present her with a book of memories! If you have a fond memory, a cheeky photo, a picture or drawing, or even just a nice message, we would love to include it to show Denise how much she has meant to so many children and families over the past 25 years! Please email any contributions to [events@viewbankpreschool.com.au](mailto:events@viewbankpreschool.com.au) or contact Jodi on 0411 763 645 by Wednesday 16 November 2016. Thank you!

**VIEWBANK TENNIS CLUB  
TENNIS COACHING**

Rutherford Road, Viewbank (2 minutes from the school)



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Web: [www.toplinetennis.com](http://www.toplinetennis.com) Email: [info@toplinetennis.com](mailto:info@toplinetennis.com)



**Interlaken Kindergarten 50 Year Celebration**  
Saturday 15 October 11:00am - 2:00pm  
19 Interlaken Parade, Rosanna

Join us for a fun family day with:  
11:00 - Admission parking 2:00  
11:30 - Opening of playground  
12:00 - Reception

All day - sausage sizzle, coffee, face painting, balloon, artist and more!

ALL WELCOME

For more information please contact 0432 3706 or email [info@interlakenkindergarten.com.au](mailto:info@interlakenkindergarten.com.au)

Organized by: CDEA - a not-for-profit association of early childhood educators for Victoria



SKATERZ ELTHAM INVITES ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS OF

**VIEWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

TO JOIN US FOR A TOTALLY FREE AFTER SCHOOL SKATE!

**DATE - THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**TIME - 4.00 TO 6.30PM**

What a great way to get your school community together for some after school fun!

**Cost - FREE**

Conditions of Entry:

- All skaters need to mention the school name on arrival to receive free entry and skate hire on the date booked.
- Skaterz has a NO self catering policy. No outside food is permitted.
- 27 Susan Street, Eltham / 9439 6566
- Like us on Facebook @ Skaterz Roller Skate & Skate Rink



**BE A PART OF THE WORLD GAME!**

**Players Required.**

**Watsonia Heights Junior Football (Soccer) Club.**

[www.wahfc.com.au](http://www.wahfc.com.au)

Home ground details - Corner of Elder and Delta Roads, Greenborough, just off the Greenborough Bypass.

**Our club is seeking players for the 2017 season.**

We are a family orientated club, our focus is on developing a players core skills and their knowledge of the game, whilst enjoying being a part of a team. Our aim is for players to achieve their full potential. All our teams are coached by FIFA Certified coaches. WHFC coaches follow the FIFA National Football Curriculum.

We have teams for Boys - Under 6 to under 18 - Girls - Under 8 to under 18.

For children under 8 we have a Grassroots Summer Program 2016 - which runs for 12 weeks on a Saturday morning.

Key focus for the Grassroots program include: Skills sessions, Competitive 1 v 1 environment, S&S Acquisition, and learning the game of football whilst having fun!!!

Enquires - Girls and Boys Under 8 - 12 teams please contact President Paul Brown on 0424889555

Enquires Grassroots program - Colin Roberts on 0433118842 or colrobs76@hotmail.com

Enquires Boys teams 12 to 18 Ben Farrugia 0437 741 185

Enquires - Girls teams 12 to 18 Chris McLaren 0468 230 876



**in2 CRICKET MILD**

**GET in2 FUN  
GET in2 CRICKET**

MILD CRICKET introduces girls and boys aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's great fun, helps learn the basic rules and is available for both of all ages.



**BANYULE CRICKET CLUB**  
SATURDAYS FROM OCTOBER 22ND  
8.45AM FOR A 9AM START  
REGISTER NOW!  
BEVERLY RD OVAL HEIDELBERG  
www.banyulecc.com.au

Visit [PLAUCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://PLAUCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more

**Are you using the right pillow for your child?**



All The Chiropractic Works - conveniently located in Viewbank - we now have available Australian made, age-appropriate pillows to give your child the best night sleep possible and to keep their growing spine supported and perfectly positioned for a restful night's sleep.

Did you know that regular pillows are usually made from polyfill, the fibres of which flatten with use, providing minimal or no neck support. Even expensive leather and down pillows have nothing in them to maintain a contour or shape. For your child's spine to be naturally aligned during sleep it is recommended to use a pillow with a contour to support the neck as well as the head.

Sleep is a time for repair, growth and immune activity, all of which are governed by the nervous system. It is logical that if the spinal cord and nerves are in an optimal position they will function most effectively and allow the brain to do its most important job, to allow your child to thrive.

For more information about finding the correct pillow for your child contact Dr Jacqui Aikens at The Chiropractic Works. Dr Jacqui has a strong passion in optimising the health of families in our community along with children's health and development. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Phone us on **9457 5200** or visit us at **370 Lower Plenty Road Viewbank (corner of Graham Rd)**

**CHIROPRACTIC WORKS**  
HEALTH CENTRE

**JOIN US IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
AUDITIONS NOW OPEN

Fun, inspiring classes in drama and musical theatre for kids!

From novice to advanced:

- Develop confidence and skills like confidence, communication and teamwork.
- Great value - all weekly classes, materials and costumes included, no registration fee.
- Perform on stage twice a year - 10 years of success.
- Highly qualified, experienced teachers.

CALL 8199 1644

Classes located in Templestowe & Bundoora!

**GIRLS FOOTY 2017**

COME & GIVE IT A TRY

Friday August 12th 6.00pm onwards

ALL AGES WELCOME  
BBQ & DRINKS SUPPLIED

Enquiries Contact Matt Peen 9400 488 150

**SKILL SESSION & GAME**  
HEIDELBERG JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**in2 CRICKET MILD**

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**West Ivanhoe Roosters Cricket Club**  
Seddon Reserve, Ivanhoe  
9.30-11am starts Saturday 8 October  
Contact - Stephen 0417 506 899

Visit [PLAUCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://PLAUCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more

**GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE FUN OF**

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**BANYULE CRICKET CLUB**  
SATURDAYS FROM OCTOBER 22ND  
8.45AM FOR A 9AM START  
GAMES RUN UNTIL 10.45AM  
BEVERLY RD OVAL HEIDELBERG  
www.banyulecc.com.au

Visit [PLAUCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://PLAUCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more

**BANYULE CITY SOCCER CLUB**

**TERM 4 SOCCER CLINIC**

**\$75 PER CHILD**  
INCLUDES BCSC CLUB POLO TOP

TOP ACCREDITED COACHING FROM A STATE LEAGUE CLUB

5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

**YALLAMBIE PARK RESERVE**  
KARDONA DRIVE, YALLAMBIE

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT  
6 OCT 2016 - 3 DEC 2016

ALL CHILDREN AGED 6 - 11 WELCOME (LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE)  
REGISTER NOW AT: [WWW.BANYULECITYSC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.BANYULECITYSC.ORG.AU)

**T-BALL SMASH**

STARTS FRIDAY OCTOBER 28  
at Glenaurn Park, Lower Plenty

For boys and girls aged 5-12 years

Learn more and register:  
Roadrunner Tball Smash  
[www.tbballsmash.com.au](http://www.tbballsmash.com.au)  
ballargeon.j@hotmail.com  
AU on 0423 782 970

**LADIES TENNIS**  
Coaching & Fitness

Designed specifically for ladies, sessions involve building skills, movement and match play in a fun social environment.

WHERE	WHEN
Research Tennis Club	Mon 9:30-10:30am
Viewbank Tennis Club	Mon 7:00-8:00pm, Wed 2:00-3:00pm
Etham High School	Thu 7:00-8:00pm

Starting From The 3rd of October

To find out more contact:  
Hayden - 0423 831 666  
or email [hayden@toplactennis.com](mailto:hayden@toplactennis.com)

**HOOKIN2HOCKEY**  
[WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.HOCKEY.ORG.AU](http://WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.HOCKEY.ORG.AU)

CLUB: Northern District Hockey League

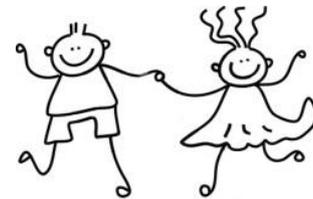
CONTACT NAME: Erika Newbegin CONTACT NUMBER: 0419 888 050

LOCATION: Greensborough Hockey Club START DATE: Monday 10 Oct TIME: 6:00pm

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# Walkathon 2016

Dear Parents and Friends,

One of our major Fundraisers for 2016 is our Walkathon. On, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October all Viewbank Primary School students will take part in this annual event completing laps around the perimeter of the school. Each lap is approx. 600 metres in length.

The students will walk at the following times:

Prep	9:20 – 9:50am
Grade 1 & 2	10:00 – 11:00am
Grade 5 & 6	11:45 – 1:00pm
Grade 3 & 4	2:00 – 3:15pm

On the reverse side of this sheet is the sponsorship form, where we ask you to sponsor our students, and to seek sponsorship from family, friends, neighbours and workmates. Of course, the children will get great benefit from taking part in the walk!! We anticipate the maximum laps completed in the time allowed will be 8 for the younger students and 14 for the older students. All monies raised will go towards additional playground equipment.

All students will be rewarded with an icy pole back at school after the completion of the walk.

**Sponsorship forms and monies need be returned to school by Friday, October 28.**  
**Monies AND forms need to be returned together.**

All students will be provided with a wrist band for the walk, and these will be hole punched at the conclusion of each lap. Once the walk is over the children will bring their cards home and collection of monies can then be organised.

As always, we could not hold an activity such as this without the support of our parents and friends, both financially and on the day. If you can assist on the day by walking with your children, acting as a course marshall, hole punching cards after each lap, or simply cheering on our students we would be very grateful for your assistance. ***Please let your child's teacher know that you can help asap, or let any of the office staff know and they will record your name and phone number to pass on to the Parents and Friends group to assist in planning.***

Please support this major fundraiser, as it is the only one of its kind in 2016, and we do rely on fundraising to support equipment purchases, which in turn support your child's education.

Thank you in advance,

The Parents and Friends Association  
Viewbank Primary School





# COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY POLICY

## Viewbank Primary School

(Child Safe Standard 2)

### OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Viewbank Primary School is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers.

We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures.

We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Our school is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks.

Our school has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers and is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

### **AIMS:**

#### **For Our Children:**

This policy is intended to empower children who are vital and active participants in our organisation. We involve them when making decisions, especially about matters that directly affect them. We listen to their views and respect what they have to say.

We promote diversity and tolerance in our school, and people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds are welcome. In particular we:

- promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of Aboriginal children
- promote the cultural safety, participation and empowerment of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- ensure that children with a disability are safe and can participate equally

This policy guides our staff and volunteers on how to behave with children in our school.

All of our staff and volunteers must agree to abide by our code of conduct which specifies the standards of conduct required when working with children.

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

### **Training and Supervision**

Training and education is important to ensure that everyone in our school understands that child safety is everyone's responsibility.

Our school culture aims for all staff and volunteers (in addition to parents/carers and children) to feel confident and comfortable in discussing any allegations of child abuse or child safety concerns. We train our staff and volunteers to identify, assess, and minimise risks of child abuse and to detect potential signs of child abuse.

We also support our staff and volunteers through ongoing supervision to: develop their skills to protect children from abuse; and promote the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from linguistically and/or diverse backgrounds, and the safety of children with a disability.

New employees and volunteers will be supervised regularly to ensure they understand our school's commitment to child safety and that everyone has a role to play in protecting children from abuse, as well as checking that their behaviour towards children is safe and appropriate (please refer to this school's Engagement Policy to understand appropriate behaviour further). Any inappropriate behaviour will be reported through appropriate channels, including the Department of Health and Human Services and Victoria Police, depending on the severity and urgency of the matter.

### **Recruitment**

We take all reasonable steps to employ skilled people to work with children. We develop selection criteria and advertisements which clearly demonstrate our commitment to child safety and an awareness of our social and legislative responsibilities. Our organisation understands that when recruiting staff and volunteers we have ethical as well as legislative obligations.

We actively encourage applications from Aboriginal peoples, people from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and people with a disability.

All people engaged in child-related work, including volunteers, are required to hold a Working with Children Check and to provide evidence of this Check. Please see the [Working with Children Check](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) website <[www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)> for further information and the school's 'Working with Children Policy.'

We carry out reference checks and police record checks to ensure that we are recruiting the right people. Police record checks are used only for the purposes of recruitment and are discarded after the recruitment process is complete. We do retain our own records (but not the actual criminal record) if an applicant's criminal history affected our decision making process.

If during the recruitment process a person's records indicate a criminal history then the person will be given the opportunity to provide further information and context.

### **Fair Procedures for Personnel**

The safety and wellbeing of children is our primary concern. We are also fair and just to personnel. The decisions we make when recruiting, assessing incidents, and undertaking disciplinary action will always be thorough, transparent, and based on evidence.

We record all allegations of abuse and safety concerns using our incident reporting form, including investigation updates. All records are securely stored. If an allegation of abuse or a safety concern is raised, we provide necessary updates to children and families where we can and any actions we as a school take, subject to considerations of privacy and confidentiality.

## Privacy

All personal information considered or recorded will respect the privacy of the individuals involved, whether they be staff, volunteers, parents or children, unless there is a risk to someone's safety. We have safeguards and practices in place to ensure any personal information is protected. Everyone is entitled to know how this information is recorded, what will be done with it, and who will have access to it.

## Legislative Responsibilities

Our school takes our legal responsibilities seriously, including:

- **Failure to disclose:** Reporting child sexual abuse is a community-wide responsibility. All adults in Victoria who have a reasonable belief that an adult has committed a sexual offence against a child under 16 have an obligation to report that information to the police.<sup>i</sup>
- **Failure to protect:** People of authority in our school will commit an offence if they know of a substantial risk of child sexual abuse and have the power or responsibility to reduce or remove the risk, but negligently fail to do so.<sup>ii</sup>
- Any personnel who are **mandatory reporters** must comply with their duties.<sup>iii</sup>

## Risk Management

In Victoria, schools are required to protect children when a risk is identified (see information about failure to protect above). In addition to general occupational health and safety risks, we proactively manage risks of abuse to our children.

We have risk management strategies in place to identify, assess, and take steps to minimise child abuse risks, which include risks posed by physical environments (for example, any doors that can lock), and online environments (for example, no staff or volunteer is to have contact with a child in organisations on social media).

## Allegations, concerns and Complaints

Our school takes all allegations seriously and has practices in place to investigate thoroughly and quickly. Our staff and volunteers are trained to deal appropriately with allegations.

We work to ensure all children, families/carers, staff and volunteers know what to do and who to tell if they observe abuse or are a victim, and if they notice inappropriate behaviour.

We all have a responsibility to report an allegation of abuse if we have a reasonable belief that an incident took place (see information about failure to disclose above).

If an adult has a **reasonable belief** that an incident has occurred then they must report the incident. Factors contributing to reasonable belief may be:

- a child states they or someone they know has been abused (noting that sometimes the child may in fact be referring to themselves)
- behaviour consistent with that of an abuse victim is observed
- someone else has raised a suspicion of abuse but is unwilling to report it
- observing suspicious behaviour

## EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations, local circumstances or as a result of incident.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on September 15, 2016

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
<b>The Act</b>	<i>Child Safety and Wellbeing Act 2005</i>
<b>Aboriginal child</b>	A person under the age of 18 who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent</li> <li>• identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, and</li> <li>• is accepted as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community</li> </ul>
<b>Child abuse</b>	For the purposes of these standards, abuse constitutes any act committed against a child involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• physical violence</li> <li>• sexual offences</li> <li>• serious emotional or psychological abuse</li> <li>• serious neglect</li> </ul> Further explanation of these types of abuse is provided in the section 'What is child abuse?'
<b>Children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds</b>	A child or young person who identifies as having particular cultural or linguistic affiliations by virtue of their place of birth, ancestry or ethnic origin, religion, preferred language or language spoken at home or because of their parents' identification on a similar basis.
<b>Child</b>	A person who is under the age of 18 years.
<b>Child safety</b>	In the context of the child safe standards, child safety means measures to protect children from abuse.
<b>Child safe organisation</b>	In the context of the child safe standards, a child safe organisation is one that meets the child safe standards by proactively taking measures to protect children from abuse.
<b>Cultural competency</b>	A set of congruent behaviours, attitudes and policies that come together in a system, agency or among professionals that enable them to work effectively in cross-cultural situations.
<b>Cultural abuse</b>	Actions and attitudes that deliberately ignore, denigrate or attack the culture of a person or community.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Term	Definition
<b>Cultural safety for Aboriginal children</b>	<p>The positive recognition and celebration of cultures. It is more than just the absence of racism or discrimination, and more than cultural awareness and cultural sensitivity. A culturally safe environment does not ignore, challenge or deny cultural identity. Cultural safety upholds the rights of Aboriginal children to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify as Aboriginal without fear of retribution or questioning</li> <li>• have an education that strengthens their culture and identity</li> <li>• maintain connections to their land and country</li> <li>• maintain their strong kinship ties and social obligations</li> <li>• be taught their cultural heritage by their Elders</li> <li>• receive information in a culturally sensitive, relevant and accessible manner</li> <li>• be involved in services that are culturally respectful</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural safety for children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds</b>	<p>An environment which is spiritually, socially and emotionally safe, as well as physically safe for children; where there is no assault, challenge or denial of their cultural or linguistic identity, of who they are and what they need. Efforts need to be made to ensure the culturally and/or linguistically diverse children and their families receive information in a culturally sensitive, relevant and accessible manner, including in relevant community languages.</p>
<b>Children with a disability</b>	<p>A disability can be any physical, sensory, neurological disability, acquired brain injury or intellectual disability or developmental delay that affects a child's ability to undertake everyday activities. A disability can occur at any time in life. Children can be born with a disability or acquire a disability suddenly through an injury or illness. Some disabilities may be obvious while others are hidden.</p>
<b>Organisation</b>	<p>The <i>Child Safety and Wellbeing Act 2005</i> (the Act) will provide that the standards apply to 'applicable entities', which are defined in the Act as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an incorporated body or association</li> <li>• an unincorporated body or association (however structured)</li> <li>• an individual who carries on a business and engages contractors, employees or volunteers to assist in the business in providing services or facilities.</li> </ul>

<sup>i</sup> A person will not commit this offence if they have a reasonable excuse for not disclosing the information, including a fear for their safety or where the information has already been disclosed.

Further information about the failure to disclose offence is available on the [Department of Justice and Regulation website](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/safer+communities/protecting+children+and+families/failure+to+disclose+offence) <www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/safer+communities/protecting+children+and+families/failure+to+disclose+offence>.

<sup>ii</sup> Further information about the failure to protect offence is available on the [Department of Justice and Regulation website](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/safer+communities/protecting+children+and+families/failure+to+protect+offence) <www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/safer+communities/protecting+children+and+families/failure+to+protect+offence>.

<sup>iii</sup> Mandatory reporters (doctors, nurses, midwives, teachers (including early childhood teachers), principals and police) must report to child protection if they believe on reasonable grounds that a child is in need of protection from physical injury or sexual abuse.

See the Department of Health and Human Services website for information about [how to make a report to child protection](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/documents-and-resources/reports-publications/guide-to-making-a-report-to-child-protection-or-child-first) <www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/documents-and-resources/reports-publications/guide-to-making-a-report-to-child-protection-or-child-first>.