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## DIARY DATES

**Mon Feb 27**  
Swimming Sports  
Grade 3 to 6

**Fri Mar 3**  
**Viewbank Primary School  
Family Social Movie Night**



**Fri Mar 10**  
Pupil Free Day

**Mon Mar 13**  
Labour Day Public Holiday

**Fri Mar 31**  
Last day of Term 1

**Tue 18 Apr**  
Term 2 Commences

**Tue 25 Apr**  
Anzac Day Public Holiday

**Sat May 6**  
Working Bee (morning)

**Mon 8 – Fri 12 May**  
Grade 6 Camp

**Mon 29- Wed 31 May**  
Grade 4 Camp

**Sun Aug 6**  
Working Bee (afternoon)

**Sat Oct 28**  
Working Bee (morning)

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## *PRINCIPAL'S REPORT*

*23 February, 2017*

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for School Council closed at 4.00pm on Friday, February 17. There were four nominations for the four vacant Parent Member category positions and two nominations for the two vacant Department of Education and Training (DET) category positions. Accordingly I declare the following nominees have been successful in obtaining two year positions on School Council:-

#### *Parent Member Category*

Rebecca DEIGHTON  
Rachel KRAFT  
Kate RYAN  
Nancy WAGNER

#### *DET Member Category*

Gillian NICHOLLS  
Suzanne KOT

These school community members join current Council members Sandra Vander Pal, Duncan Baulch and Steve Pinner (Parent Members) and Sandy Farley and Bill Kersing (DET Members) on the 2017-2018 School Council.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

A reminder that the school swimming sports are scheduled for Monday, February 27 at the WaterMarc pool in Greensborough. These school/house sports serve as trials for the District Sports being held on Thursday, March 2 (the same week). With the short turn around, there will be much tweaking of events on the Tuesday of that week, as District and State rules put strict limits on how many events a child may participate in. Our P.E. coordinator, Michael Betson, will be working hard on this on Tuesday so please be vigilante on COMPASS to attend to any permissions required for your child's possible participation on Thursday.

### COMMUNITY PICNIC AND MOVIE NIGHT

Don't forget the Viewbank PS community picnic and Movie Night on Friday March 3. Staff will also be in attendance so a great opportunity to mingle in a social setting. If you haven't yet booked, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/261517>

The movie is 'The Secret Life of Pets' and from my trawling of the internet (The Internet Movie Database or IDMB) it rates highly!!

## **WORKING BEE**

The 12 noon experiment last Sunday proved to be a worthwhile experiment. Sadly for us, the first of the rain fell shortly afterwards, but nonetheless much was achieved. Many thanks to all of the families and staff members who were represented on the day.

There are many forums to volunteer assistance within a school community, and we are always grateful for your support. There are often occasions where such voluntary assistance goes unheralded, or where the complexity or difficulty of the task is not recognized by the vast majority within our community. Many working bee participants got wet on Sunday and carried on with a smile or a grin and it was really very much appreciated. By way of example, our School Council President (Sandra Vander Pal) didn't hesitate to get her hands dirty – literally!! (That's a very blocked drain, by the way!!)



## **A CHILD IS BORN**

I am sure everyone will be thrilled to know that Samah Hamwi had a baby boy, Adam on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Everyone is well!

## **PUPIL FREE DAY**

A reminder that School Council has approved Friday, March 10 as a pupil free day for staff to participate in a day's professional development conducted by the Austin Hospital. The focus is their CASEA program. The Austin CASEA program has been designed to assist schools and families to support primary school-aged children with their social, emotional and behavioural development. It aims to enhance skills in understanding and expressing feelings, as well as getting along with others.

The Austin CASEA program is delivered in the primary school setting and can address a wide range of issues including:

- poor self regulation of emotion
- difficult or challenging behaviours
- classroom behaviour management
- anxiety
- attachment and healthy relationships
- impact of trauma

No doubt, at the conclusion of the program, staff will be better versed to assist our students in dealing with some of these issues.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES**

Last week School Council met for the first time in 2017. Major points of discussion included, approval of dates for 2017 camps and sleep overs, approval of the school's strategic plan for 2017 - 2020, and the management of increased student numbers at OSHC.

The School Council also discussed progressing matters from last year, specifically the upgrading of the asphalt and oval areas. As you would recall, in 2016 School Council surveyed parents to gain a greater understanding of what major projects could be supported through future fundraising efforts.

Following a review of the survey, the School Council resolved that future efforts would focus on raising funds to cover the large asphalt area outside the gymnasium with a play friendly surface and also upgrading the oval.

School Council is now seeking interested parents to join a sub committee that will further develop these ideas over the coming months. The committee will report back to School Council in May with recommendations for the upgrade. If you are interested in joining the sub committee please call the school office on 9459-1512. The first meeting will occur in early March.

And on the subject of subcommittees, whilst the composition of School Council is determined by nomination and election if necessary, membership of the subcommittees is not. You may consider joining one of the following subcommittees which generally meet just once a term (unless otherwise noted below). Please call the office for further

details and they will advise the following convenors of your interest:-

Subcommittee	Convenor	Current Meeting Time
EDUCATION	Suzanne KOT	Monday 7pm
FINANCE	Bill KERSING	Thursday 6.30pm*
BUILDINGS AND GROUND	Nick and James DEANE	Tuesday 7.30pm
OSHC	Jen CUTHBERTSON	Monday 6.15pm
UNIFORM	Gillian NICHOLLS	TBA
PARENTS AND FRIENDS	Gillian NICHOLLS	Tuesdays 6.30pm
MAJOR PROJECTS	Duncan BAULCH	TBA

\*Twice per term

That's enough from me this week. I hope we all have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Bill Kersing  
Principal



### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE MENTOR PROGRAM 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity welcome everyone to the new school year. I will be continuing in my role as Program Co-ordinator in 2017.

I am mindful of some of the challenging issues that face some of our Defence students and look forward to working with your children this year.

Please contact me at any stage if you have any concerns you want to discuss. I can be contacted via phone on 9459-1512 or email [viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au).

I wish everyone the best of the year ahead.

Kind regards  
Georgeina Fisher

*The All-Hours Defence Family Helpline  
1900 624 608*

## NEWS FROM MRS NICHOLLS

### UNIFORMS

There has been very high demand for new uniform items through our school uniform shop this year and as a result many items are presently out of stock, especially in the smaller sizes. Please be assured that they are on the way and I ask for your patience. Suppliers are extremely busy at this time of year and normal delivery times have been extended in some cases.

Mrs Sharon Jones (Uniform Shop Coordinator) has been working very hard to fill orders where she can and will communicate with parents as stock becomes available.

With some cooler mornings arriving we welcome girls wearing green tights with their summer dresses however the uniform shop does not stock tights.

We discourage students from wearing black or white leggings.

### **Uniform Swap Box**

If you have uniforms that are still in good condition but are no longer needed, then we encourage you to please drop them into the Uniform Shop swap box. If you have donated items, then please feel free to see if there is something in the box that suits your present needs.

### Icy Pole Friday

A big thank you to the parents who are volunteering on a Friday to sell icy poles at lunchtime. This is hugely popular with the students and we couldn't do it without our helpers. Please remember that we encourage children to only bring one dollar to spend.





## COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER

Please be advised that student absences, Term payments and excursion permission forms are now accessed via Compass



## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### 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

### 2017 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday, January 30

Friday, March 10

Monday, November 6

\* Please note that we have one further day available that will be advised in due course.

### 2017 VARIATION TO SCHOOL DAYS

Wednesday June 28 - Three-way conferences



**ICY POLE FRIDAY**  
**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED**



On Fridays students will be able to buy icy poles over the counter at lunchtime. All icy poles cost \$1.00 each.

We are asking for parent helpers to assist with the sale of these icy poles on Fridays from 1pm to 2pm. If you are able to assist can you please notify the office of your available dates.



Email: [viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 9459 - 1512

## HATS ON

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



SUNSMART

## LUNCH ORDERS

CLASSROOM CUISINE provides lunch orders to our school on a **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY'S**.

Lunches must be ordered online using the CLASSROOM CUISINE website.

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



## LIBRARY HELPERS

The Library always has new books to be covered and needs assistance with the shelving of books. If you have some spare time to assist please pop into the Library and offer your services. Even 10 minutes while waiting to pick up your children would be appreciated.



## 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.



## CYBERSMART TIP

# Cybersmart Tip

Here's a little trick that can help you remember a strong password - try a passphrase! Start with a nursery rhyme you remember (sometimes we can't forget them!), and use the first letter of each word:

"Five little ducks went out one day"  
Now change the words "Five and one"  
for numbers  
And this could turn into:  
#5ldwo1d!

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

# KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE



## This week in the kitchen garden...

Thanks to all our lovely volunteers for all your hard work!

Here's a snapshot of what has been happening in our garden this week:

Grade 3s had an introductory tour of our veggie patch, learning where everything is grown and seeing what different plants our food comes from. We also harvested zucchinis, tomatoes, leeks and herbs for cooking. There is lots growing at the moment, making use of all this sunshine!

Grade 4s investigated the differences between seeds and grains, linking in to the grain based recipes we cooked. We also did some weeding and harvested tomatoes, zucchinis and parsley for our recipes.

Why don't you try growing some herbs at home?

Now is a good time to grow basil and tomatoes!

Happy gardening from the Grade 3s and 4s!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**SealPony Soccer**

SealPony Football is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic/intermediate skills.

- \* Fun games & activities
- \* Great giveaways

For more information, call Joe (0415-388-028) or visit [www.sealpony.com.au](http://www.sealpony.com.au)

**Time:** Every Sunday Morning  
**Starting Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2017  
**Finishing Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2017  
**Registration Date:** Saturday 10 - 11 am  
 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2017  
**Address:** James Street Reserve  
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[www.heidelbergjfc.com.au](http://www.heidelbergjfc.com.au)

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**Finding Dory**

ACTIVITIES FROM 4.00pm Sun 26th February, 4.00pm-8.00pm

**LOCATION**  
 Ivanhoe Park  
 Lower Heidelberg Rd

- FREE children's activities, including face painting, craft from 4.00pm
- Movie starts from 4.00pm
- BYO seating and blanket
- BYO picnic
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**FREE event!**

Get out on the water with Olympians and their coaches

This is a free event with coaches from all areas of rowing here to share their skills and answer on what they have achieved.

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## Hook in2 Hockey!

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 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30-11.30 at 67 Liberty Parade, Bellfield.

Please contact Rachel Watson ([bha@yarravalleyhockey.com.au](mailto:bha@yarravalleyhockey.com.au)) if you have any questions.

**Rosanna Golf Links Primary School**

**ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL FAIR**  
February 26, 2017 - 10-4pm

Interleaves Pde, Rosanna [www.rosannagolf-links-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosannagolf-links-ps.vic.edu.au)

Reunion Ball  
Live Music  
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**60<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Italian Classes**

L'Associazione Culturale Lancia condivide il suo interesse primario per gli studenti che vogliono imparare l'italiano. Il nostro corso di italiano per stranieri è tenuto da Maria di Maria di Maria, Italiana, 2 Birk Rd, Rosanna. Corsi in italiano per adulti da 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm.

L'Associazione Culturale Lancia è un'istituzione di lingua italiana che ha promosso la conoscenza della lingua italiana e della cultura italiana per oltre 40 anni.

Beginners or students who would like to improve and extend their Italian language skills and knowledge of Italian culture are very welcome.

Contact: Mrs Gail Anwar  
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Email: [italian@lancia.com.au](mailto:italian@lancia.com.au)  
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# The Dollarmites are inviting your child on a futuristic savings adventure.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

CommBank's School Banking program has been improving the financial literacy of Australian children for over 85 years. The program presents students with engaging ways to help them learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills. Our 2017 theme will get your child excited about the future, as we follow the new-look Dollarmites towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

## Encouraging savings habits with great rewards

The School Banking program rewards children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour through our Rewards Program. This year, we have a great new range of reward items to be redeemed once your child has made 10 School Banking deposits. We're also taking the Future Savers Grand Prize competition winner overseas: your child could win a family trip to Tokyo, Japan, with tickets to the magical world of Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea. You'll find more information about this competition overleaf.

## This pack has everything your child needs to set off on this savings adventure

- A Rewards Card with details on this year's new reward items and how to redeem a reward.
- A Savings Tracker so they can keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

## Financial support for your child's school

As students develop their saving skills through the School Banking program, your school will also receive fundraising benefits. Last financial year, participating primary schools received a share of over \$2.4 million.

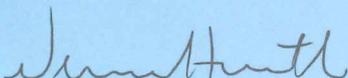
## Stimulate your child's financial education

To further bring money to life for your child at home, we invite you to explore the fun financial activities and video guides from The Beanstalk, an online resource available at [commbank.com.au/beanstalk](http://commbank.com.au/beanstalk)

## New to School Banking?

If you're new to School Banking, you'll find more information overleaf on how to get your child started.

We look forward to embarking on this futuristic savings adventure with your child.



Veronica Howarth  
Head of School Banking and Youth  
CommBank



# New to School Banking? Get your child started.

## How it works

The School Banking program gives children an opportunity to make deposits into their Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about encouraging your child to develop regular savings habits.

Students receive a yellow Dollarmites deposit wallet and deposit book to bring their money to school. Every deposit earns them a silver Dollarmites token. Once they've collected 10 tokens, these can be redeemed for one of our reward items. Two reward items are released per term, as shown on the Rewards Card. Please note that, to be fair to all, students are not allowed to pool their tokens with other students or siblings.

## Setting up a Youthsaver account

To join this savings adventure with School Banking, your child will need a Youthsaver account. This is a savings account that has no monthly account fees and offers a competitive bonus interest rate when your child makes at least one deposit and no withdrawals in a calendar month.

If your child doesn't have an existing Youthsaver account, there are two simple ways to open one:

### Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

### In branch

Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Please bring along identification for you and your child, like your driver's licence and their birth certificate.



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# Gear up with these Future Savers rewards.

Make 10 School Banking deposits and choose an item from this Rewards Card to redeem.

To redeem your reward, simply complete and take the reward coupon, along with your 10 silver Dollarmites tokens, to school in your Dollarmites deposit wallet.

- To reward individual saving, no pooling of tokens is allowed.
- One silver Dollarmites token will be issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum one per week).
- You need to have made 10 School Banking deposits to redeem a reward.
- Students cannot redeem more than one of each reward item.
- All rewards are available to order from the term listed, and are offered only while stocks last.

## Cyber Handball

Released in Term 1, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3D Chalk Set

Released in Term 2, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Smiley Emoji Keyring

Released in Term 3, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pencil + Tech Case

Released in Term 4, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Colour Change Markers

Released in Term 1, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tablet Case

Released in Term 2, 2017



W 18cm  
H 25cm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volt Handball

Released in Term 3, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## Epic Earphones

Released in Term 4, 2017



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

# Keep saving for a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea. This prize includes:

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money.

### How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for your chance to win.

Find out more at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

**Things you should know:** Full terms and conditions found at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking). Aust. Residents aged 4–13 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CBA Youthsaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11.59pm AEST 29/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw: L3/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEDT 11/01/17. Winner in *The Australian* 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/07099; ACT TP16/01769; SA T16/1590.





## 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

### ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
  2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
  3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
  4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
  5. **Participation** to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to your school by: **Friday March 17th**

For more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au), contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to [info@eaa.unsw.edu.au](mailto:info@eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online)

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## 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

### Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Child's name* *Class*

to participate in the following 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies *	3-10	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	\$8.00	
Science	2-12	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	\$8.00	
Writing	3-12	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 **	\$17.00	
Spelling	2-7	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	\$11.00	
English	2-12	Tuesday 1st August 2017	\$8.00	
Mathematics	2-12	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017	\$8.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

\* Previously known as Computer Skills.

\*\* Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 12th June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ total entry fee. All payments **MUST** be received by Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
*Amount*

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:  CASH  CHEQUE  EFTPOS (Pay at the office)

(Please Tick)  VISA  MASTERCARD

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRY DATE:   /

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_