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Thankyou to Parents and Carers

The Principals, Teachers and Assistants participated in the Stop Work on Wednesday 5th September, so your support in keeping students home, is very much appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10th Sept  Bonnie, Visiting Hairdresser
Tuesday 11th Sept Whole School Sports Day
Thursday 13th Sept School Council Meets
Tuesday 18th Sept Belmore School’s 50th Birthday
Friday 21st September Early Finish, End of Term 3
Monday 8th October Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 9th October ZimboyZ
Thursday 11th October School Council
Tuesday 6th November Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Thursday 8th November School Council
Thursday 15th November Graduation Dinner
Tuesday 20th November Volunteers Morning Tea
Tuesday 11th December Awards Morning
Thursday 13th December School Council
Friday 21st December End Term 4 — Buses Depart 1.30pm

Now Closed!

Scouts Victoria is supporting our school with their ‘Our School Raffle”. For every $2 ticket sold, Belmore School receives $1.50.

If you have not already done so, please return your raffle books to school tomorrow 6th September.

All sold and unsold tickets are required to be returned for auditing processes.
You are cordially invited to the 50th Birthday Celebration of Belmore School on Tuesday September 18th 2012

From 10:30am with a Plaque Unveiling Ceremony

Meet up with old friends
Share photos and memories

Finger food lunch provided

RSVP to Belmore School
belmore.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au
by Monday 3rd September 2012
Village Cinemas Australia are bringing Sensory Friendly Films to families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Sensory Friendly Films allows families to enjoy their favourite films in a safe and accepting environment with the cinema lights turned up, and the sound turned down.

**LOCATIONS**
Airport West
Century City Walk
Fountain Gate
Knox

**TIME**
11:00am

**SYNOPSIS**

**ICE AGE 4: CONTINENTAL DRIFT**
Scrat's nutty pursuit of the cursed acorn, which he's been after since the dawn of time, has world-changing consequences - a continental cataclysm that triggers the greatest adventure of all for Manny, Diego and Sid. In the wake of these upheavals, Sid reunits with his cantankerous Granny, and the herd encounters a ragtag menagerie of seafaring pirates determined to stop them from returning home.

**MADAGASCAR 3: EUROPE'S MOST WANTED**
Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Gloria the Hippo, and Melman the Giraffe are still fighting to get home to their beloved Big Apple and of course, King Julien, Maurice and the Penguins are all along for the comedic adventure. Their journey takes them through Europe where they find the perfect cover: a travelling circus, which they reinvent - Madagascar style.

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA**
Welcome to the Hotel Transylvania, Dracula's lavish five-stake resort, where monsters and their families can live it up, free from meddling from the human world. But here's a little known fact about Dracula: he is not only the Prince of Darkness; he is also a dad. Over-protective of his teenage daughter, Mavis, Dracula fabricates tales of elaborate dangers to dissuade her adventurous spirit.
Sibling Support Program – September 2012 School Holidays

Irabina will be running a ‘Sibling Support Program’ group over the coming school holidays in September, held at Irabina in Bayswater:

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BACKGROUND TO SIBS

Siblings of children with autism often have a range of experiences that are very different to those of their friends and peers. They may experience a range of emotional reactions, both positive and negative, and although it can sometimes be difficult for siblings of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, many feel they have benefited greatly from the experience. Regardless, it is important to acknowledge the unique situation of these siblings, and discuss their feelings, as well as just giving them space to be themselves. Sib Support is a play-based education and support group for children who have a brother or sister with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Its focus is on normalizing their experiences and feelings, developing supportive networks of other children who can understand what life can be like, and boosting their coping strategies for when things around them get tough.

Within the group, siblings are given the opportunity to:

- Discuss their experiences with their brother or sister with other children in a similar situation (be they good or bad)
- Talk about Autism Spectrum Disorders in a child-friendly way, and understand how it presents in their sibling, and how it impacts their family
- Discuss the talents that they have, and the ways they cope and flourish at home
- Have lots of positive attention, which builds self-esteem, by playing games, reading books, and having fun with other children who can ‘put themselves in their shoes’

GROUP STRUCTURE

- **Phase 1**: 2½ days at Irabina during a week in the school holidays (children book in for the 2½ days)
- **Phase 2**: Ongoing ‘catch up’ sessions throughout the school term where children are invited to come to Irabina for a play date with new friends, maintaining the network that was developed during the holidays.

BOOKING

- Please register your child by calling Irabina Reception by Friday 7th September, and a background information pack will be sent to you to assess your child’s eligibility for the group. All background paperwork is to be returned to Irabina by Friday 14th September. This group is not suitable for children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Cost: $100 for 2½ day program
- Open to: Primary-school aged siblings of a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder, between Grades 1 - 6 (it is not restricted to families currently accessing services at Irabina), who have not attended an irabina Siblings Program previously.
  - Irabina reserves the right to cancel the holiday group if enrolment numbers are not sufficient.

For any enquiries please contact: Aggie Chan (aggiec@irabina.com) or Su-Hwei Moey (sum@irabina.com) on 9720 1118
Siblings in Sync
Special Needs Access Program

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children and young people with disabilities and their siblings.

It aims to foster relationships between siblings, provide positive shared experiences, and give children the opportunity to express themselves and communicate with their sibling through creative music-making.

The sessions are run by two Registered Music Therapists and are tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within small group settings.

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit™)
- Record their own music and voices
- Create their own CD

A Music Therapist will be in contact with you prior to sessions commencing to obtain relevant information in order to plan for individual needs.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the sessions.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!

Thank you to the generous donors who support the Special Needs Access Program:
Anonymous
Miss Betty Amsden OAM
Mrs Barbara Haynes

For more information or to book, phone (03) 9281 8194, or email snap@artscentremelbourne.com.au

Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to attain and maintain health and wellbeing. It may address physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals within a therapeutic relationship. Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.

STOP PRESS!

Siblings in Sync was recently awarded the Arts Portfolio Leadership Award for Leadership in Disability Access.

The Arts Portfolio Awards recognise outstanding achievement amongst Victoria’s arts institutions and agencies including Arts Centre Melbourne, NGV, the State Library of Victoria, ACMI, Museum Victoria and more.

Suitability: Ages 5 – 15
Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne’s Digital Learning Hub
Times: 11am (teens group) or 1pm
Dates: Tuesday 25th September and Thursday 27th September
Duration: 60 mins each day
Cost: $25 per family

Please note: This is a two day program. It is expected that families will attend at their chosen time on both days.

artscentremelbourne.com.au/snap
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Guardianship and Administration
Information session for professionals

Session: 19 September 2012
Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Venue: The Charles Latrobe Lecture Theatre, Education Precinct, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Grattan Street, Parkville 3052. Parking is limited, but the hospital is easily accessible by public transport from the city.

Guardianship and Administration involves the protection of adults who have a disability and who need a substitute decision-maker.

The Office of the Public Advocate (as investigator or guardian), State Trustees Limited (as administrator) and VCAT (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal) Guardianship List (having the authority to make protective orders) each has an important role.

Experienced representatives of these organisations will present an information session for persons involved in medical and allied health, social work and other relevant professions.

The session will cover when and how best to access these organisations and what else professionals can do for the cognitively impaired.

The session is free and will run for up to 90 minutes, with time for questions and general discussion.

If you wish to attend, you must register no later than

RSVP to: Lorraine Lipson
by telephone: (03) 1300 309 337
or fax:
or email: OPAeducation@justice.vic.gov.au
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INFORMATION SESSION

Respite Care and Funding: Innovative Choices

Date: Tuesday 18th Sept
Time: 7.30-9.30pm
Venue: CPEC, End of Beacon Street, Glen Waverley

The CPSN will be hosting a FREE information session. The topic for this session will be Respite Care and Funding.

This session will cover available options for respite care and funding, with an emphasis on the CPSN's Innovative Choices program. This program provides opportunity for respite care which can meet your needs.

Vicki Cavalieros, Manager and Mike McDermott, Programs Coordinator will be presenting the information and there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and sharing of information.

Light Refreshments provided.
RSVP to Mike on 03 9484 5326 or mike.mcdermott@cpsn.info

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MEMBERS TRUST FUND

The Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN) is an incorporated statewide, self-help public benevolent institution. A Board of Management administers the Cerebral Palsy Support Network Inc. Board members are volunteers who have Cerebral Palsy themselves, have a family member with Cerebral Palsy or have an interest in Cerebral Palsy. CPSN is able to offer its members the opportunity to apply for grants of up to $500. The purpose of the grants is to directly support an individual with Cerebral Palsy. Members are encouraged to apply for something that would enhance their life. The CPSN would like their members to be creative with this funding.

Requests could include for example, drama lessons, sporting equipment; musical instruments- the possibilities are endless.

To encourage sponsorship and further grant opportunities, successful grant recipients must be willing to have their story used in promotional material, sponsorship proposals via power point or video etc.

2012 GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Grant applications open on the 1st September and close on 31st October 2012.

Decisions will be made by 30 November 2012.
All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 19th December 2012.

Applications to the Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN) should meet the following criteria:
• Applicants must be a member of the Cerebral Palsy Support Network and have joined at least 12 months prior to opening of grant applications.
• Applicants must be an individual with Cerebral Palsy or a parent/guardian applying on behalf of an individual with Cerebral Palsy.
• Priority will be given to applicants who have not received funding in the previous year.
• Grants from the Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN) must be spent in Australia.
• All grant recipients must be Australian citizens or have permanent residency.
• Items eligible for SWEP and gap funding will not be considered and are not eligible.
• Payments by the CPSN will be only made directly to the supplier/service provider or as a reimbursement of costs incurred by the applicant or individual upon presentation of a receipt. An estimation of the cost of the item/service is required to be provided with the application.
• Items must be purchased after approval has formally been received in writing
• The grant process does not require documentation from professionals such as doctors or therapists.
• Funding will be provided to individuals only. No funding will be provided to groups, charities or Associations.
• The Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN) will require a brief report on the use of these funds. This must include a photo and a paragraph on the benefits to the applicant.
• All applicants will be informed of their success or otherwise, and the timing of grants is completely at the discretion of the Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN).
• Lobbying of Board members, panel members, or staff will result in automatic disqualification of the application.
• All decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the status of applicants during and after the application process.
• Applications may be submitted by mail, email or fax.
CEREBRAL PALSY SUPPORT NETWORK
MEMBERS TRUST FUND:
2012 APPLICATION FORM

All information provided in submissions is considered confidential and will be handled in line with the CPSN Privacy Policy. Members may contact the office if they have any questions or need assistance in completing their application.

SECTION 1

Name of person completing this application:
First Name: ______________________ Surname: ______________________

☐ Applicant - Please go to section 2
☐ If completing on behalf of the applicant - Please complete details below

Relationship to applicant: ____________________________________________

Are you this person’s legal guardian? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your contact details
Email: ______________________ Telephone: ( ) Mobile: ________________

SECTION 2

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name of Intended Recipient: First Name: ______________________
Surname: ______________________
Date of Birth: _______ / _______ / _______

Address: __________________________________________________________
State: ______________________ Postcode: ______________________

Telephone: ( ) Fax: ( )

Email: ______________________

What is your diagnosis and how does it affect you?

______________________________________________________________

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SENDING APPLICATIONS

MAIL:
Address your application to:
Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN)
MTF Grant Applications
3 Ethel Street
Thornbury VIC 3071 Australia

EMAIL:
cpsn@cpsn.info
Subject: MTF Grant Application

FURTHER INFORMATION:
Application forms and guidelines are also available from the Cerebral Palsy Support Network website - www.cpsn.info
LAST MINUTE NEWS

**Centrelink—DSP changes**

Please find below the link (or electronic address if you receive this on paper) to the Commonwealth Department of Human Services which includes Centrelink.

This link will take you to a site which provides information about the changes to the Disability Support Pension (eg: participation interviews for people under 35 eligible to receive or in receipt of the DSP who have been assessed as having the capacity to work). It includes lots of really valuable information about mobility allowance etc. It also has an income calculator which can assist with determining whether your earnings will affect your entitlements.


**Wilsons Prom more accessible than ever before for people with a disability**

One of Victoria’s most loved national parks is now equipped with all-terrain wheelchairs and modified cabins to make it easier for people with a disability to enjoy its spectacular natural beauty.

Minister for the Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith said new equipment and upgraded facilities were part of Parks Victoria’s statewide program to make Victoria’s amazing parks and attractions more accessible.

"Two cabins at the Prom have been equipped with electric high-low beds; in addition a personal hoist and specialised bathroom equipment such as a shower commode chair, is available to visitors free of charge," Mr Smith said.

"These specially-modified cabins will make it much easier for people with a disability and their families and carers to enjoy their stay.

"Visitors with a disability will also be able to use specifically designed wheelchairs to access the beach or some of the many wonderful walking trails," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith, who was briefed about the new equipment at the Prom today said Victoria was leading the way with accessibility strategies for parks, with Parks Victoria winning a National Disability Award last year.

Dr David Stratton, who has MS and first brought the idea of the all-terrain wheelchair ‘the TrailRider’ to Parks Victoria at Grampians last year, said the new chairs at the Prom were a sensational addition to the park.

**Bonnie our Visiting Hairdresser**

Is coming to snip and trim our student’s hair.

**Next visiting: Monday 10 September**

Cost $20 per person