



# Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MS HELENE HIOTIS



We celebrated the opening of our Year 7 Precinct on Wednesday. The landscape of the surrounding areas of the portables is the result of the collaboration of the Bentleigh Community at a working bee to blend the gardens with our Urban Forest. Entry to the precinct via either side of A Block. The facility provides learning spaces which provide an engaging learning environment that are generously proportioned and equipped with technology including large wall mounted television screens in each room. Year 7 Artwork is currently displayed throughout the area. Nick Staikos, MP of Bentleigh attended the launch of the precinct and our 13.4 million dollar architectural drawings were on display. Works commence in July - August.

The success of the College relies upon the commitment and energy of the staff to encourage students to become active, passionate lifelong learners who establish a commitment to learning. The past few weeks have been busy with a number of events including, the Presentation Ball, VCE Formal, camps, sport competitions and musical performances.

One of our students, Sarah Hartwig (Year 10), has been selected to be part of the School Sport Victoria 'TeamVic' U15 Girls team for the upcoming School Sports National Championships in Perth. This is an outstanding achievement by Sarah, especially with the growth of female football, demonstrating her talents in the game.

We wish our students a relaxing, restful and enjoyable break and look forward to catching up with them next term.



### IMPORTANT DATES ON PAGE 11

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# YEAR 7 PRECINCT OPENING





# RECONCILIATION DAY

*Dr Intha Chetty, Mindfulness Meditation Coordinator*

On Sunday May 28, we listened and reflected on our shared histories and the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony was very healing; it was followed by an indigenous dance workshop; bush tucker barbecue; and guided tours of natural flora and fauna with cultural and historical insights.

A group of Bentleigh Secondary teachers and their families sang at the Reconciliation Day at Mallanbool Reserve in Murrumbidgee. The superb Angela Hateley and Intha Chetty combined their efforts of organising the event and coaching the group. It was unanimous that we all sounded amazing, what an enthusiastic and passionate performance.

The large audience sang along with us and enjoyed the rendition of 'Inanay' and 'Yil Lullay'. Angela and Intha sang some solo parts and the harmony was in sync with Rex's clapping sticks. Our group comprised of Angela Hateley, Sophie Clark, Anna Lake, Intha Chetty, Rex Hateley, Mary Gardener, Sashen Chetty, Darah Ferguson, Neerosh Mudaly, Selvie Pather, Vinola Pather, Jenny Pather, Suzy Watt, Vishnue Chetty, Keira Chetty, Vivian Chetty (photographer).

Thank you to all choristers for your commitment to standing up for change in recognition of the First Nation and celebrating this important day.





# MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

*Ana Boukouras, Head of English*

Participation in Model United Nations Assembly with Moorabbin Rotary sponsoring our students.

The Victorian Model United Nations Assembly took place at Parliament House in May. We were assigned to act as delegates from an assigned UN member nation and participate in the process of debating and voting on proposed resolutions. To prepare, we were required to research the government opinions, economic status and so forth of our assigned nation, which was Egypt. We then presented a position on each resolution and participated in debate surrounding the issues. This all took place in the actual Victorian House of Representatives.

Overall, the experience was very rewarding as we made friends with other delegates, got educated on pressing world issues and improved our public speaking and debating skills.





# GREEN MACHINE

*Rebecca Heenan, Sustainability Captain*

On Sunday June 11, 2017 Miss O'Hara (Head of Sustainability), Ruby (year 11) and Inette (year 10), attended the Bentleigh Uniting church service to explain to the local community about our sustainable practices, what we do to teach students about sustainability and the importance of it, for the future.

The purpose of attending was not only to express the importance of sustainability, how we are working towards being more sustainable, it was also about meeting other members of the local community who are interested about sustainability and the environment. The topic of discussion throughout the service was what can be done to improve the environment and that if everyone makes small changes it can lead to larger changes.

Ruby and Inette discussed our school's achievements in sustainability, and our sustainable features including: the wetlands, the urban forest, herb gardens and meditation centre. They explained how it provides our students with great outdoor environments for learning and experiencing the natural world.

At the end of the service, it was concluded by our student representatives that attended, that the early morning rise was worth it. It has not only enriched our knowledge of our local community's goals and interest towards sustainability, it also provided us with new ideas on how to tackle sustainable issues facing our school and how we as the Bentleigh Secondary College community can overcome them.

Our new project as Green machine is to recycle some old waste bins and convert them into recycle bins in hopes of establishing a recycling program within the school community.





# SINGING COMPETITION WINNER

*Samantha Richards, Public Speaking Coach*

We are very pleased to inform you that our Year 9 student Joshua Richards has won the opening heat in his first singing competition, on Sunday May 28 at the Fast Track Talent Showcase, within 12-14 age group. He will now move forward to the semi-finals to take place later in the year. He has been approached by Christine Collyer of YOYO Music Management with a couple of opportunities that may be coming up. He has also decided to try out for the 'Voice' next year when he reaches the minimum age of fifteen. Below are some images of him winning with Christine Collyer and Dan Hamill, currently starring in 'Love Child', both gave Josh some fantastic tips on his future as a performer. We are so excited about where his destiny will take him, and to be recognised at such a young age for his vocal talent is wonderful. Thank you Bentleigh Secondary College for being so supportive of his singing solo at the House Chorals.



# STEAM ENGINEERS AND ENTREPRENEURS

*James Lee, Head of eLearning*

Every term, we run a STEAM based Learning Journey program which requires our Year 9 students to propose solutions to a primary school that solves an existing or future issue or need, through the creative innovative use of technology. STEAM is an approach to learning that combines Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics together for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. Many of the great innovators and entrepreneurs of this century – Mark Zuckerberg, Elon Musk, Richard Branson, to name a few, all started with an idea that they developed to solve a need or future need which may have not existed at the time. We want to instil these ideas in our students because these are the skills they will all need when they finish school, in a world filled with drones/robots, 3D printed buildings, consumer manufacturing, lab grown meat, bionic mind controlled limbs and implants, virtual reality and artificial intelligence.

We want them to be challenged and gain an awareness of what it means to interact in the real world outside the classroom, unnerving as it may be. The students started out with lessons on coding, 3D modelling and printing, and basic robotics and electronics using Arduino kits. They also participated in a one day workshop on Unity 3D game design and development run through Holmesglen Institute of Technology.

The students then visited Tucker Road Primary School to survey the primary students and staff, make observations on services or needs that need addressing or improving. They then went away, and following a defined STEAM problem solving process, analysed the survey data and identified a set of problems. From that, they chose a problem to solve, and after coming up with a range of solutions, chose one to refine, test and develop. They then developed a presentation and built prototypes from scrap materials and electronics.

The students then went back to the primary school to present their solutions à la ‘Shark Tank’ style. They presented in front of the entire Grade 5 and 6 cohort, staff and a panel of judges consisting of myself, a primary staff member, a primary student, and a special guest judge from industry – Alison Arandall – Digital Channel Manager at Coles Online whose role includes running similar style innovation sessions within her company.

The students came up with a range of solutions that they presented with energy, enthusiasm, and humour, with a presentation showing the process they went through that resulted with the solution and how it will solve perceived needs/problems. Solutions ranged from app operated light sensor automatic blinds that operate based on the glare/intensity of the sun light; water saving tap designs with sensors and monitoring software and an innovative RFID operated bicycle lock design. The team is planning to continue refining, developing and eventually patenting as a viable product in future (exactly the type of thinking we were hoping to encourage through this Learning Journey).

The primary students then each took turns ‘investing’ by placing a fake money note into a basket in front of their favourite idea/solution. The basket with the most notes were deemed People’s Choice (Sheep Solutions- RFID Bicycle Lock). The judges also collated their notes to determine the overall winner based on the quality of their presentation, solution design, engagement with audience, and teamwork (Borderline Blinds – Light sensor blinds).

Overall, it was a great experience for the students and the primary school involved, who were so impressed they have expressed their interest in repeating the journey again in upcoming school terms. Congratulations to the students of Year 9 Learning Journey – Engineers and Entrepreneurs!



UNITY 3D WORKSHOP AT HOLMESGLEN



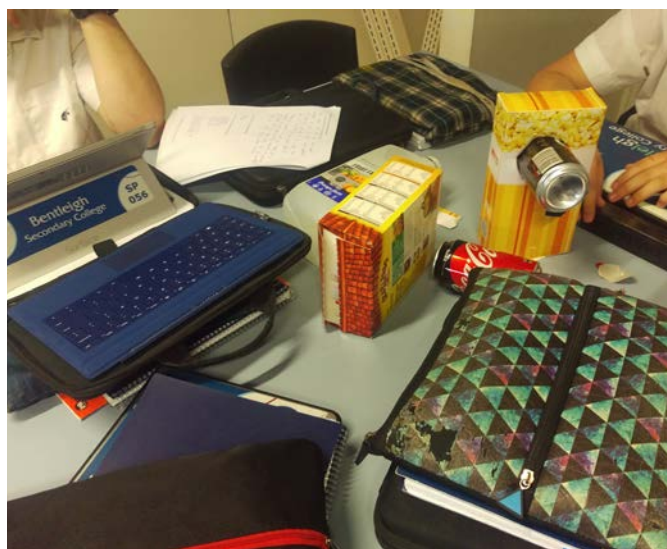
SURVEYING STUDENTS AT  
TUCKER ROAD PRIMARY



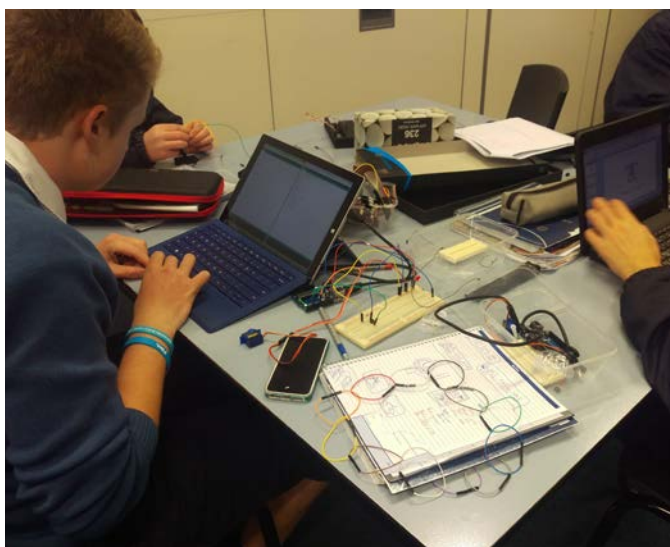
## ANALYSING RESULTS & GENERATING IDEAS TO SOLVE IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS



## DEVELOPING PROTOTYPES OUT OF SCRAPS



## CODING PROTOTYPE ELECTRONICS



## PRESENTING THE RESULTS TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## PROTOTYPE DEMONSTRATION



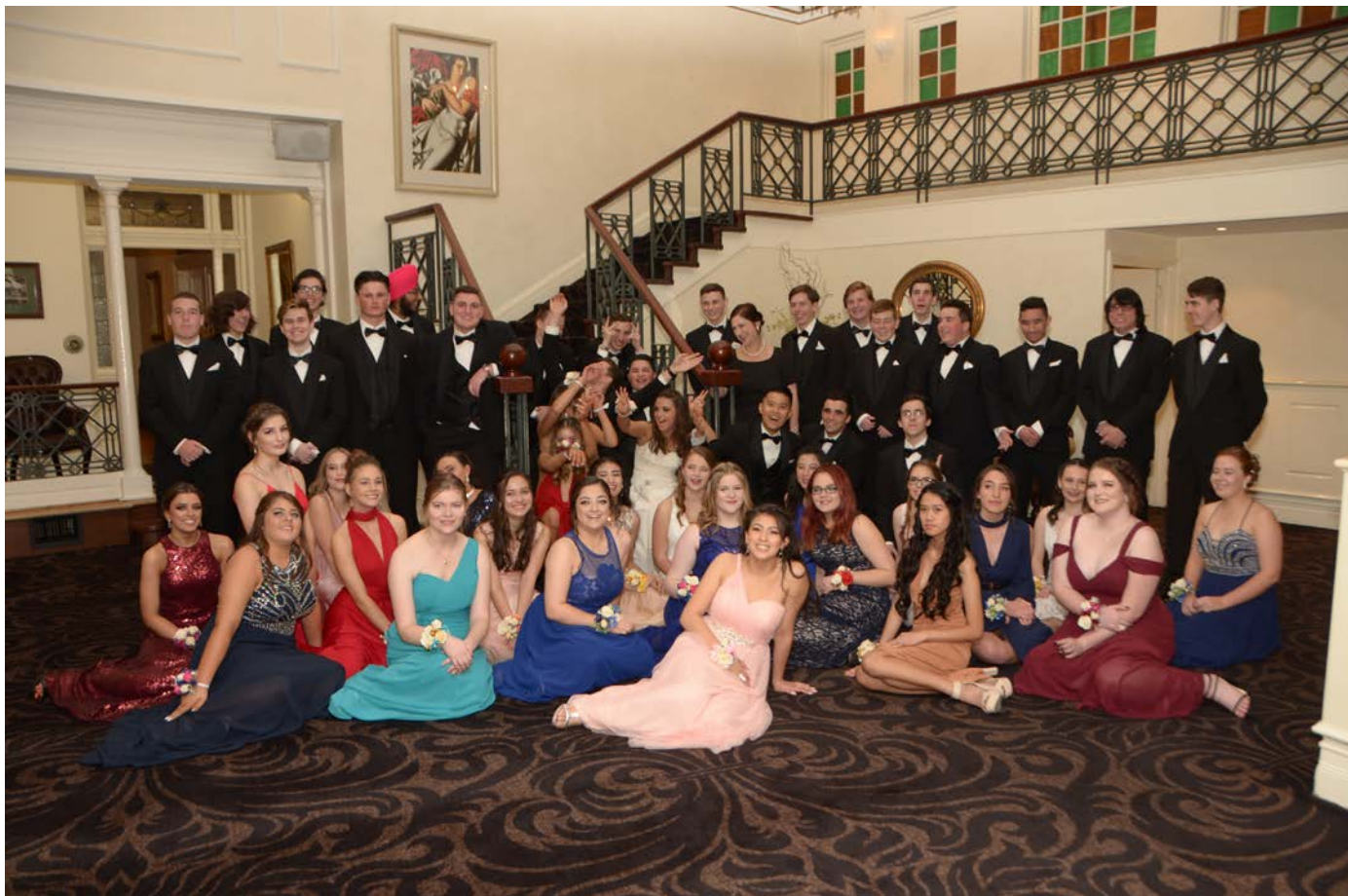
## SHOW ME THE MONEY! PRIMARY STUDENTS VOTE FOR BEST INNOVATIVE SOLUTION





# YEAR 10 PRESENTATION BALL EVENING

*Mrs Dimi Charalambous and Mr John Karydis, Heads of Year 10*



This year forty eight of our Year 10 students signed up to participate in the 2017 Presentation Ball. Merrimu Reception was the venue for this wonderful event, held on Thursday May 25, 2017. Our students put in six weeks' of rehearsals, where they worked with Peter, Janita and Sherallen from Swish Dance Centre, to put together a number of routines. Students were challenged as they work together to learn and remember the steps that accompanied each of the catchy tracks chosen. At Bentleigh, for the Presentation Ball, we do not expect students to dance with a partner, instead they work as an ensemble, using this time to get to know peers, with whom they may not generally have worked with before.

As the evening approached, preparations reached fever-pitch, but the efforts were well worth it! Our young men looked dashing in their black dinner suits and our young ladies were beautiful. The attention to detail was outstanding, hair make-up, dresses and shoes were all chosen with great care and they all looked spectacular on this special night.

Mr Nick Staikos, MP and Mrs Joanne Antcliff, our School Council President, kindly accepted the invitation sent by our Presentees to attend this very special evening. There are many highlights at an event such as this, but one of the most memorable and special moments was when each student invite their parents, grandparent or other special family member to dance with them on the dance floor! There were tears of pride on all families' faces.

The evening included delicious canapes, a three course meal and it was pleasing to see the dance floor full all night! Many photographs were taken of this special evening, memories made for a lifetime. Olivia Irving, of Year 11 was our videographer. A video will be available to families next term. We begin preparations for the 2018 Ball with great excitement and encourage Year 9 students to sign up to be part of next year's Bentleigh Presentation Ball.







## IMPORTANT DATES

17 July	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm	3 Aug	Year 10 Course Counselling Year 9 into 10 Info Night @ 7:30pm in PAC Year 10, 2018 Course Selection opens	18 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 9, 2018 Course Selection closes
20 July	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 11 into 12 Info Night @ 7:30pm in PAC Year 12, 2018 Course Selection opens	4 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3.30 - 5.30pm Year 11, 2018 Course Selection closes	21 Aug	Technology Week Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 8-12 Internal Music Exams
21 July	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm	7 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm	22 Aug	Parent/Teacher Interviews 12-8pm
24 July	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm	9 Aug	Year 9 Course Counselling	23 Aug	Intermediate Kingston Round Robin
25 July	School Council 5:30pm	10 Aug	Year 10 OES Cross Country Trip Lake Mountain Year 9 Course Counselling Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 8 into 9 Info Night @ 7:30pm in PAC Year 9, 2018 Course Selection opens	24 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm
26 July	Yamada Visit Year 11 Course Counselling	11 Aug	Year 10 OES Cross Country Trip Lake Mountain Parent/Teacher Interview bookings open Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 10, 2018 Course Selection closes	25 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 8, 2018 Course Selection closes
27 July	Australian Maths Competition Pd1-2 Yamada Visit Year 11 Course Counselling Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3.30 - 5.30pm Year 10 into 11 Info Night @ 7:30pm in PAC Year 11, 2018 Course Selection opens	14 Aug	National Science Week Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in A10/11 3:30 - 5:30pm	28 Aug	Junior Team House Sport School Captains, Middle School and SRC Captains Nominations Open (2018) Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm
28 July	Yamada Visit Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3.30 - 5.30pm Year 12, 2018 Course Selection closes	15 Aug	School Tour 9:15-10:15am School Council 5:30pm	30 Aug	Intermediate House Sport
31 July	Humanities Week Yamada Visit Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals A10/11, 3:30 - 5:30pm	17 Aug	Whole School Musical Afterschool Rehearsals in PAC 3:30 - 5:30pm Year 7 into 8 Info Night @ 7:30pm in PAC Year 8, 2018 Course Selection opens	31 Aug	Senior House Sport
1 Aug	Yamada Visit			1 Sep	Musical Rehearsal Day School Captains, Middle School and SRC Captains Nominations Close (2018)
2 Aug	Winter Concert Rehearsal All day Yamada Visit Year 10 Course Counselling Winter Concert 7pm @ Glen Eira Town Hall				



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## Winter Teen School Holiday Program

The very popular *Teen School Holiday Program* will run again during the winter July holidays. Activities are open to young people aged 12 to 18, who live, work or study in Glen Eira. Activities on offer include ice skating and ArtVo, a Melbourne history tour, rock climbing, and an ultimate indoor sports day. Bookings open **Tuesday 13 June, 9am**.

Bookings for all activities are made **online** and places are **limited**.

For a full list of activities and to book, visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/youth) **Book online**

GriefLine turns 30 this year, an anniversary that provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our achievements as well as rue the fact that our services are more vital than ever. Over the past 30 years we have supported hundreds of thousands of people across Australia who come to GriefLine seeking a listening ear as they find a way through loss and grief in their lives. Over time we have built up a suite of services from our free telephone counselling program to online, from personalised programs to therapy groups. Life at GriefLine is never static. Grief associated with losses are on the rise across Australia. For some people, loss and grief is associated with ageing and the onset of poor health or the deaths of friends and family. For others, it is the loss of jobs as the world becomes increasingly automated or jobs go offshore. Poor mental health, too, is on the rise. More migrants come to Australia and feel isolated despite enjoying their new home. The list is endless.

Over the next few years, our focus will be on extending our services and building a grief-aware workforce for the future. We are determined at GriefLine to work with companies to help them understand that loss and grief are real issues that can affect productivity if handled poorly. We are talking with many different potential partners to raise awareness and to deepen understanding. We look forward to sharing our achievements with you as we work together.

Catherine Cini, CEO

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## Reach Out Australia

An Australian-first service that provides busy parents of teenagers with free, confidential one-on-one parenting help will be launched today by digital mental health service ReachOut Australia. Delivered using a mix of online and pre-booked phone sessions, ReachOut Parents Coaching gives parents the flexibility to easily access support from anywhere in the country.

<http://about.au.reachout.com/australia-first-digital-service-provides-parents-with-free-parenting-help/>





## Sounds of Glen Eira Call Out

Our annual *Sounds of Glen Eira* music event is fast approaching.

Calling on all young performers who are interested in performing at this event to send in their demos. From Friday 23 June, entrants can submit their demo to the Youth Information Centre, 86 Robert Street, Bentleigh. Acts can include bands, vocalists, instrumentalists and acoustic performers with a significant link to Glen Eira.

**Entries close 4pm Friday 21 July.**

First prize is a two day professional recording session with an experienced sound engineer at Glen Eira Youth Services' very own studio to record, mix and master their work. Selected acts will play to a packed audience on Friday 11 August from 7pm to 10.30pm at Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre, Higgins Road, Bentleigh. For further information or to submit a demo, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or email [youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au)



### Plugged In music program

We are now taking submissions for Terms 3 and 4 for *Plugged In*.

*Plugged In* is an eight week program which teaches the basics of music recording in our purpose built music studio. The program, taught by local sound engineer Leo Damiani, equips you with everything you need to know to start recording your own music.

#### WHEN

Wednesdays 4pm–5.30pm

Term 3 or 4 for eight weeks

For further information, contact Youth Services on 9524 3676 or head to our website to register.

[Register online](#)

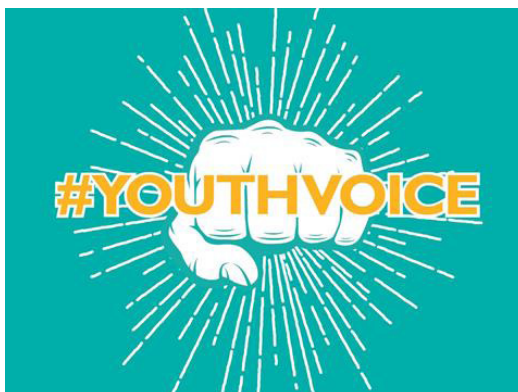


### #YouthVoice

Have you always wanted to make a difference? Are you passionate about youth issues?

#YouthVoice is a group of young people aged 10 to 25 who promote and educate on youth issues in the local area with the aim to better our community.

#YouthVoice meet on Thursdays, 4pm–5.30pm, at the Glen Eira Youth Information Centre in Bentleigh.





# parenting \* ideas schools



## Talking to kids about Terrorism

Following the weekend's terrorist attack in London many schools have contacted the Parenting Ideas office to enquire about an article to assist parents and teachers to talk to children and young people about terrorism. I've written a thoughtful article to assist parents and teachers to talk to children of all ages about this challenging topic. Please share this link with your parent and teacher community. Get weekly articles to share with your school community

Every week over 1100 Parenting Ideas schools receive a practical, topical parenting article to share with their parent communities through their newsletters, social media and their websites. These articles come in an attractive PDF format as well as plain text so that office staff can easily manipulate the text to suit different digital environments. Parents love receiving these articles as they are easy-to-read, positive and about topics that they want to know about. Topics such as - helping kids manage their anxiety; dealing with digital dramas and communicating with tricky tweens. Teachers love sending these articles home as they reinforce the important social and emotional learnings that they teach on a daily basis. They also like the positive, practical voice that's present in every article.

## Become a Parenting Ideas School

As a Parenting Ideas School you'll receive a new parenting article each week as well as access to our online article archive so you can make sure the messages you send home are relevant to your school. As a Full Member school you'll also receive regular professional learning resources to help your teachers support, manage and engage better with your parent community. There are 3 ways to become a Parenting Ideas School. Simply email the team, join online or call 1800 004 484. Whichever way you choose we'll get your membership started straight away. Free Money-Back Guarantee. We offer a full 12 month's money back guarantee in the unlikelyhood that Parenting Ideas membership doesn't live up to it's promise so there's no risk to you.

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