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Brentwood Park Primary School NEWSLETTER

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TERM DATES 2026 TERM 1 28TH JAN - 2ND APRIL TERM 2 20TH APR - 26TH JUNE
TERM 3 13TH JUL - 18TH SEP TERM 4 5TH OCT - 18TH DEC

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 APR	YEAR FIVE IMAX & MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION
04 MAY	YEAR SIX PARLIAMENTARY INCURSION
5,6,7 MAY	MOTHER'S DAY STALL
3RD JUNE	CRAZY HAIR DAY
5TH JUNE	REPORT WRITING DAY—STUDENT FREE DAY
8TH JUNE	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—STUDENT FREE DAY

JIM BELL, PRINCIPAL JO-ANNE DORAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JUDY ANDERSON AND JIM NARAYAN - ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony

With this year's ***ANZAC Day*** falling on Saturday, our school's ***ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony*** was conducted on Friday 24 April at our assembly time of 2:40 p.m. The school and house captains carried out the service admirably, with each having a significant role to undertake. ***Terrence*** commenced with an acknowledgement of country prior to ***Neev*** recognising that this year marks the 111th anniversary of ***ANZAC Day***.

Neev also spoke about the significance of the day and the sacrifices that contributed to providing us with the freedom and Australian lifestyle which we enjoy today. ***Smayan*** spoke of the ANZACS landing at Gallipoli in 1915 which was the start of a campaign that lasted 8 months and resulted in 25,000 casualties. ***Crystal*** then extended the remembrance to all the Australian men and women who have served our country in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Terrence read the ***Prayer of Remembrance*** as all assembled bowed their heads and following the laying of a wreath on behalf of staff, students and parents of Brentwood Park Primary School, by the house captains, ***Neev*** recited the ANZAC Ode. ***Smayan*** spoke of the tradition of ***The Last Post*** prior to it being played. It was then followed by an observance of silence by all assembled. ***Terrence*** spoke about the purpose of ***Reveille*** which signifies waking up to a new day and the ***Rouse*** which is used to call soldiers to their duties. With the flag then raised, we concluded our commemorative service with the singing of the ***National Anthem***.

The respect the children demonstrated throughout the service was highly commendable and as teachers, parents and a community, we can be justifiably proud!

ANZAC Day

On ***ANZAC Day*** itself, and in the official capacity as representative of our school, ***Jim Bell, principal***, laid the wreath from the Brentwood Park Primary School Community at the cenotaph in Berwick prior to the march commencing.

We were acknowledged with our name being called along with the other schools and organisations who also had laid wreaths in memory of the ***ANZACS.***

Brentwood Park is Going Cashless

This year, our Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls will be moving to a cashless system. This decision has been made for several reasons, including improving safety by removing the need for staff to handle and transport large amounts of cash.

As we continue to adapt to an increasingly cashless society, we are confident that this change will enhance efficiency without impacting the overall experience for students. Payments for BPPS tokens will be made via XUNO, and students will receive their tokens prior to attending the stall.

I acknowledge the few parents who have expressed disappointment regarding this decision however, the experience of the children in browsing the range of gifts available, making their selection and purchasing that special gift will not be diminished.

Starting Primary School in 2026?

If your child is turning 5 years old by 30 April 2027 and is eligible to start school next year, it is time to decide where they will go to school.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep. The Department of Education has released a statewide Foundation enrolment timeline for all Victorian government primary schools to follow. The timeline helps you to understand when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at a Victorian government school.

The Foundation enrolment timeline will only apply to government primary school enrolment. If you wish for your child to attend a non-government school (Catholic or Independent school), please contact individual non-government schools for their enrolment processes. Applications to government schools for the 2027 school year open from the start of Term 2, 2026 (Monday 20 April 2026). You should apply to the school by ***Friday 31 July 2026***.

What you need to do:

1. Read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

2. Use findmyschool.vic.gov.au to locate your child's designated neighbourhood school and other nearby government schools.

3. Contact a school to book a tour and to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.

4. Submit an enrolment application to a government primary school by ***Friday 31 July 2026***.

5. You will be notified of the outcome of your application by Friday 14 August 2026. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by ***Friday 28 August 2026***.

6. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during ***Term 4, 2026***.

7. Your child will start Foundation from ***Thursday 28 January 2027.***

Rethink Recycle

Recycling plastic bottles, particularly through ***container deposit schemes [CDS]***, is a powerful, dual-purpose initiative for schools. It reduces environmental waste while generating funds (10 cents per container) that can be used for school projects, equipment, or charity. It also fosters student leadership, sustainability education, and hands-on environmental stewardship.

Key Benefits of School Plastic Recycling Programs

- ***Fundraising:*** Schools can generate substantial funds by collecting 10¢ refundable containers, turning potential waste into valuable resources for schools.

- ***Environmental Impact:*** Recycling decreases landfill waste, conserves energy, saves water, and reduces the demand for new, raw materials in manufacturing.

- ***Educational Value:*** Programs teach students about the "circular economy," sustainability, and environmental responsibility, making it a practical, hands-on learning experience.

- ***Community Engagement:*** Programs like Return and Earn in Australia show that school-wide efforts encourage families to adopt better recycling habits, extending the impact beyond school grounds.

Brentwood Park Primary School's grounds and maintenance staff member, ***Daryl West*** has proposed the idea which he will willingly coordinate. ***Daryl*** has suggested that we -

- ***Register:*** Register the school with local, authorized container deposit schemes (e.g., Return and Earn or Envirobank).

- ***Set Up Collection:*** Set up designated bins for eligible plastic, glass, and aluminum, and teach students to check for the 10¢ refund label.

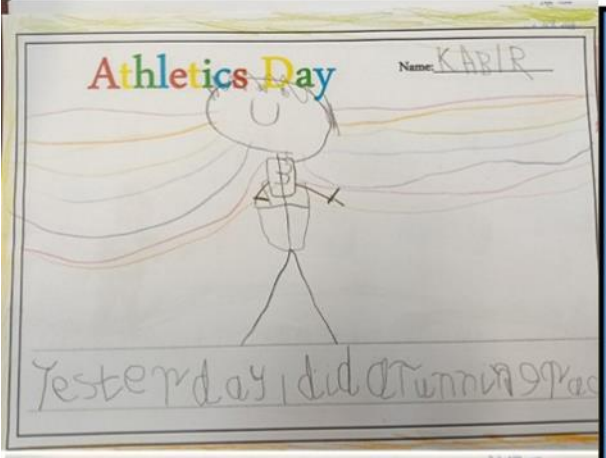
- ***Enlist the Support of Student Leaders:*** Empower student "green teams" or eco-councils to manage the collection, fostering leadership.

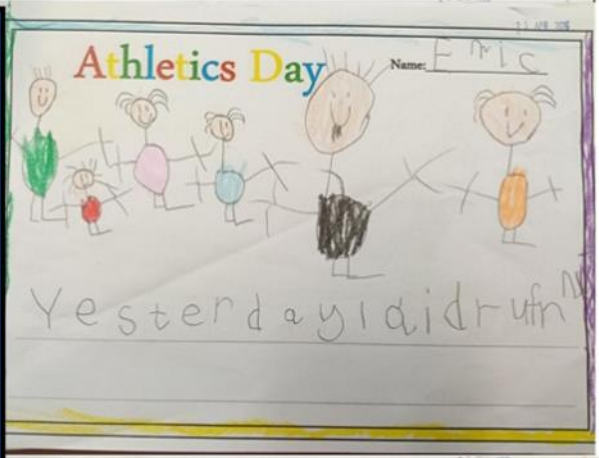
- ***Deposit & Earn:*** Return bottles to a local depot or utilize collection services to convert them into funds.

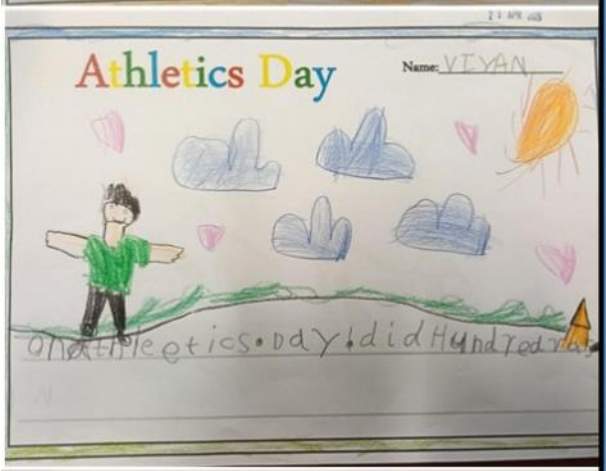
As a school community, we can support ***Daryl*** and his efforts by creating a clean stream of materials. As a school community, we can make it easier for items to be recycled into new, usable products!

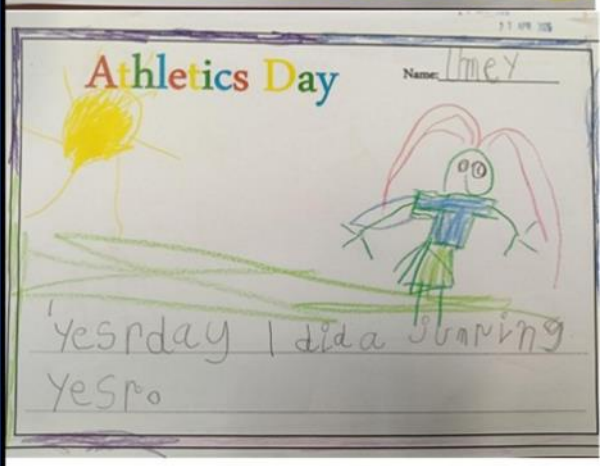
Anzac Day

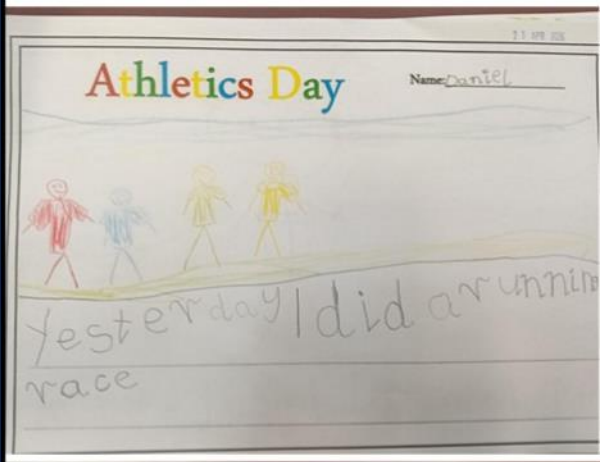
Lest We Forget - 25th April

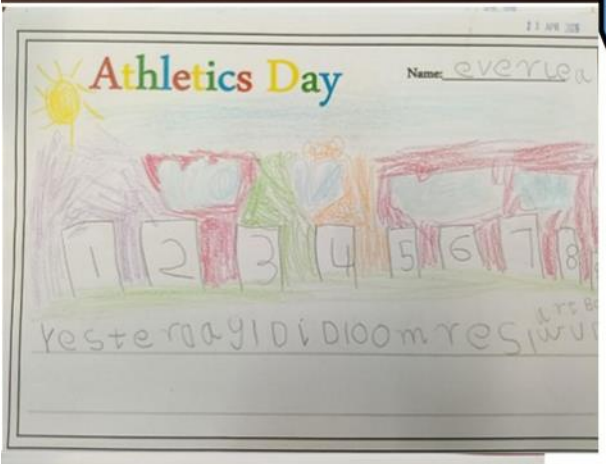


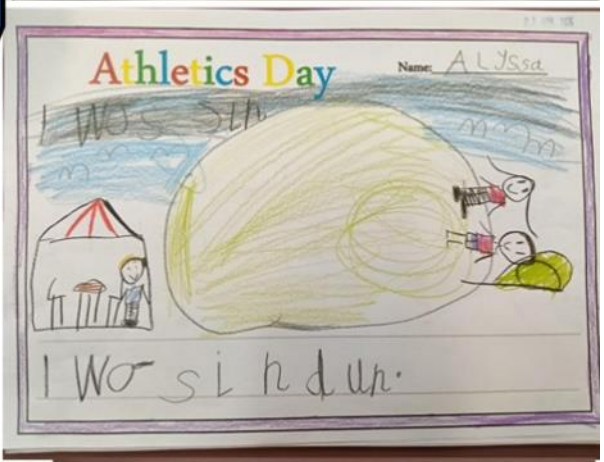




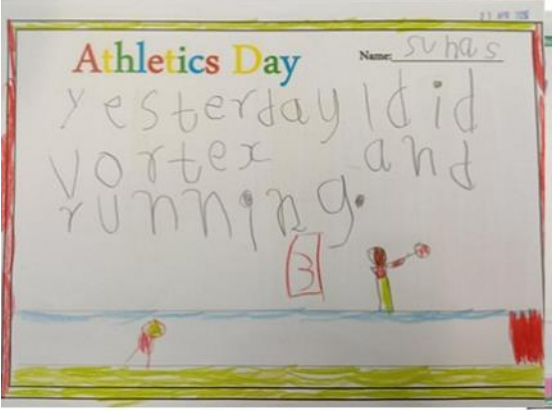


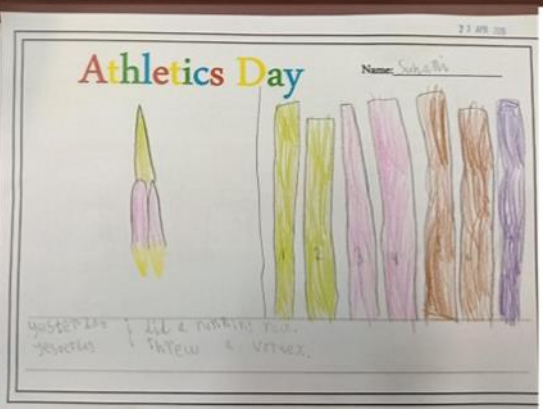






Last week FLP had a lot of fun participating in their first Athletics Carnival. They did running races, sack races, tunnel ball and vortex. They looked great on the day dressed up in their school house colours. Back in the classroom they couldn't wait to write a recount about the day!!





Year 5/6 Production

Save the Date

Year 5/6 Production

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Bunjil Place

STAR OF THE WEEK

Term 2

Week ending 24th April, 26

0MB	Lucas	for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and putting 100% effort into every task.
0EP	Abel	showing amazing determination in writing a sentence about your holidays, and sounding out the words. Amazing work!
0LP	Lucy	for her amazing teamwork!
0RC	Aaron	for your fabulous listening skills. Thank you for being such a great listener who also remembers what is said!
0TL	Cruz	for working hard to create AB and AAB patterns.
1AU	Samuel	always helping his classmates and demonstrating excellent teamwork!
1CM	Jana	for showing EXCELLENCE and TEAMWORK in the classroom. You are a very kind and helpful student . Keep shining!
1NG	Ranesh	you are really enjoying your reading and have introduced the class to some engaging and entertaining books. Keep up the fantastic work!
1KM	Misha	for working hard on your writing and spelling words.
1SL	Senaya	for listening attentively and giving your best effort in writing an amazing recount about your holiday. Keep up the great work!
2SM	Ady	for always trying your best and showing a positive attitude in everything you do.
2SY	Emmanuel	for settling into 2SY so quickly and for showing a positive attitude to school.
2LD	2LD	for settling back into our school routines and trying your best on Athletics Day.
2LM	Henri	for staying focused during work time and completing all learning tasks to a high standard!
2AL	Athithi	for a happy and confident start to your time at BPPS.
2CH	Kaylee	for showing excellent respect and outstanding concentration in lessons.
2JL	Sahib	for always displaying our school values of respect and responsibility.
3AM	Vianne	for writing an ‘informal’ letter and using the appropriate features.
3BC	Sahana	for your growing confidence and active participation during maths lessons.
3JR	Vanshika	for consistently demonstrating good choices. You are a role model.
3GA	Dhanush	for his confidence when answering questions about the main idea of a text. Well done.
3AJ	Victoria	for your amazing effort at our Athletics Day, Well done!
4SA	Jack	for your kindness and willingness to help fellow students.
4MS	Mirthika	for your enthusiastic approach to learning. You are a good role model to others.
4NH	Chaz	for showing kindness and initiative when welcoming a new student, whilst being a new student yourself.
4TC	Archer	you have been working really hard and showing great improvement in your mindset.
4VK	Ruri	for being a considerate, caring and friendly student, sensitive to the needs of others too!
4CR	Anaya	for always trying your best in everything you do. You show wonderful resilience and approach each day with a positive attitude.
5CW	Kaitlyn	for your amazing effort today! Keep up the great work!
5NR	Nina	for showing positive sportsmanship throughout the sports carnival, you displayed fairness and respect.

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Week ending 24th April, 26 .

5RH	Raghav	for demonstrating a fantastic 'give it a go' attitude in your schoolwork & during Athletics Day this week. We are very proud of you!
5MT	Sehaj	for never giving up. Your confidence has already grown so much this year and I am so proud of you! Keep going!!
5BM	Prabhsimran	for showing a positive attitude; trying her best in all activities and being a kind & respectful member of our class.
5KW	Jerry	for putting in an excellent effort at our Athletics Carnival.
6EK	Riley	for the amazing maturity and responsibility you have demonstrated this week, especially at our excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance, I'm so proud of you.
6MB	Crystal	for being an outstanding participant during our excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance. You were highly engaged and asked some thoughtful questions.
6ED	Binu	demonstrating exceptional responsibility within our classroom this week. You've gone above and beyond to help your classmates. Keep it up!
6KR	Ayathi	for demonstrating respect & responsibility through leadership skills during our maths lessons.
6LM	Mason	for his representation of the school values on our excursion. Well done!
6SM	Leon	for showing responsibility and excellence in your homework and learning.
6LS	Mahir	demonstrating excellence in how he communicates respectfully to peers and staff.

SPECIALISTS

PE—DYLAN
n/a

PE-JIM/KIRSTY/CHANEL
n/a

PA-SARAH
1SL — for creatively and enthusiastically exploring high and low tempos through movement and sound.

ART-JESS
FEP — for the wonderful effort your put in to making your scribble chicken bodies VERY colourful.

ART-BREE
3GA — for your beautiful blending of soft pastels. Well done!

CHINESE-DAISY
6LM — Awesome job this week practising to ask your classmates 'nationalities and back grounds' in Chinese.

CHINESE-CHUNYAN
4NH — for your excellent engagement in practising Chinese sentences in and after class, and for confidently sharing your work with your teacher! You are all amazing! So proud of you all.

DT-LISA/SARAH
4TC — what a great start to the term; you worked well in your collaborative groups on Lego spike.

PA-KENNETH
3JR — for a lesson full of concentration when learning about 'Woodwind Instruments' as well as starting our recorder journey.

MEDIA-DAISY
5NR — for your amazing job in your first photography lesson in Media this week!

LIBRARY-ANNETTE/JO/VERONICA
1KM — for sitting beautifully & listening to your teacher attentively during the story reading time in the library . Well done!

Program spotlight

Your OSHC.

Brentwood Park Primary School

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days. At Your OSHC we give children a supportive space to continue their development, build confidence and socialise with their friends.

What's coming up at Your OSHC this week:

4/5/2026 - 8/5/2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Communication | 1.3 **Beaded Name Bracelet** Create a named bracelet with our colourful beads	Creative Thinki... | 4.1 **3D Flower Card** Let someone know how blooming awesome they are with this 3D Flower Card!	Creative Thinki... | 1.3 **Lego Mothers Day** Time to make a portrait of out mums using Lego. This will allow us to show appreciation for our mums in our lives	Creative Thinki... | 3.2 **Sensory Dough** A hands-on activity where children explore and play with sensory dough.	Cooperation | 3.3 **Yum Yum Balls** Lets create some Yum Yum Balls for mum for Mother Day
Confidence | 1.2 **Big Art Comp Term 2** From famous landmarks to colourful festivals and new adventures, create an artwork that shows the wonder of the world through your eyes.	Cooperation | 1.3 **Dodgeball** A thrilling game of throwing and dodging! Get active and have a blast. Ready to play?	Physical | 2.3 **Octopus tag** This game is like stuck in the mud only children remain where they are tagged and use their 'octopus arms' to try and tag	Physical | 4.1 **Cricket Game** Group Game	Persistence | 2.3 **Red Light, Green Light** You sprint and freeze on signals. If you budge on red, you retreat. First to the Leader wins.

Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

Stop by and say hi!

Please feel free to visit the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.

Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

Visit our blog

Being Dad

Do you want to be the Dad you've always wanted to be?

Being Dad is an interactive group for fathers with children aged 0-17.

For fathers/carers in Southern Melbourne and Bayside Peninsula

This 6-week group will help you explore:

- Parenting
- Children's development
- Healthy relationships
- Managing a work/life balance
- Cyber safety
- Supports and activities available to you and your children

Being Dad Expression of Interest

Cost: Free

Date: Every Wednesday

29th April 2026 to 3rd June 2026

Time:

5:30PM to 7:30PM

Venue:

Uniting

55 Webb Street, Narre Warren 3805

Light refreshment will be served

Get in touch:

Colin or Anas
03 5990 8400
BeingDadSM@vt.uniting.org

Bookings essential

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Big Feelings & Growing Brains

Workshop: Clyde North

For parents with primary aged children

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour and Emotional Development

Ever wondered *why* your child acts out, melts down, or doesn't listen, no matter how many times you ask? This practical and supportive workshop will help you understand what's going on in your child's brain and how their behaviour is often a message, not misbehaviour.

We'll explore how the brain grows, why big feelings can take over, and how parents can respond in calm and helpful ways.

In this workshop, you'll learn how to:

- Understand your child's brain and behaviour
- Make sense of BIG emotions
- Respond with connection instead of conflict
- Look beneath behaviour to discover the real needs
- Walk away with easy, everyday strategies you can use at home

Please note: This program is for caregivers residing in the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and Greater Dandenong who have at least 50% custody. Please be aware that children cannot attend the sessions, and childcare services are not provided.

Bookings Essential
Register via the QR code or link below

'Big Feelings' & 'Growing Brains' Workshop: Clyde North – Fill out form

Date: Tuesday 26th May 2026

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Venue: Balla Balla Community Centre: Unit 7/9 Selandra Blvd, Clyde North VIC 3978

Cost: Free

Light dinner & refreshments provided

Enquiries: Uniting Group Work
9704 8377
groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

Join us to learn, connect, and build stronger relationships, one moment at a time.

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Circle of Security Parenting™ - Narre Warren

Empower Your Parenting Journey

An eight-session course designed for parents of children aged 4 months to 6 years.

Are you ever puzzled by your child's behaviour, unsure of how to respond to their needs? Imagine confidently understanding and addressing what your child is truly seeking from you.

The Circle of Security Parenting™ program offers a transformative opportunity to strengthen your parent-child relationship, grounded in decades of research.

Through this program, you will:

Decode Your Child's Emotions: Learn to interpret and respond to your child's emotional cues effectively.

Foster Emotional Resilience: Equip your child with the tools to manage their emotions successfully.

Boost Self-Esteem: Support your child's confidence and self-worth.

Trust Your Parental Instincts: Embrace your natural wisdom and commitment to your child's security.

COST
Free

DATES
Mondays [8 weeks]
27th April – 22nd June
Note: No group on 8th June

TIME
10:00am until 12:00pm

VENUE
Bunjil Place - Library
2 Patrick Northeast Dr,
Narre Warren VIC 3805

Light refreshments will be served

Bookings Essential
ENQUIRIES
P: 9704 8377
E: groupwork.south@vt.uniting.org

REGISTER
Circle of Security Parenting, Term 2, 2026 – Fill out form

This program is in partnership with the City of Casey and designed for caregivers residing in the City of Casey. Please note children cannot attend the sessions, enquire with us in relation to child care options.

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TUNING INTO KIDS

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

PARENTING IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST JOBS YOU WILL EVER DO...WITHOUT ANY TRAINING!

Would you like to learn to:

- Be better at talking to, and understanding, your child/ren?
- Help your child/ren manage their emotions?
- Address and/or prevent behaviour problems?
- Teach your child/ren to deal with conflict?

If you answer is "yes" to any of these questions, this six-week, Tuning in to Kids program helps you to help your child/ren to develop emotional intelligence.

Did you know: Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ?!

DATE: Mondays, 11th May - 22nd June (six-week program - no session on King's Birthday)

TIME: 9.15 - 11.15 a.m. (after drop-off)

WHERE: Berwick Lodge Primary School
139 - 145 Mansfield Street
Berwick

COST: FREE!

Use the QR code or this link to register:
https://events.humanitix.com/tik-berwick-lodge-ps

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