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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

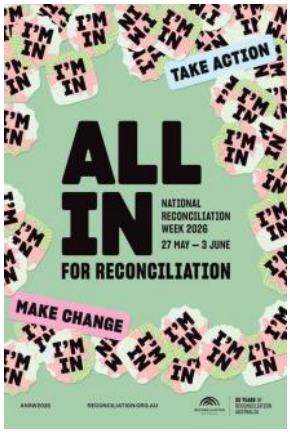
DATES TO REMEMBER

03RD JUNE	CRAZY HAIR DAY
05TH JUNE	STUDENT FREE DAY—STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
08TH JUNE	KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
25TH JUNE	YEAR THREE—TOYS OVER TIME INCURSION
26TH JUNE	FINAL DAY OF TERM TWO—2.30 DISMISSAL

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

Reconciliation Week 2026

National Reconciliation Week [NRW] in ***2026*** runs from ***Wednesday 27 May*** to ***Wednesday, 3 June***. The week provides a dedicated time for all Australians to learn about shared histories, cultures, and achievements.



The theme for ***2026*** is ***"All In"***. It serves as a bold call to action, reminding Australians that reconciliation is not a spectator sport, and meaningful progress requires everyone to commit wholeheartedly to the journey every single day. The official ***2026*** campaign artwork was created by renowned ***Gumbaynggirr/Bundjalung*** artist ***Otis Hope Carey***.

National Reconciliation Week dates remain the same each year to commemorate two monumental milestones in Australia's reconciliation history:

- ***27 May:*** Marks the anniversary of the highly successful ***1967 referendum***, where over 90% of Australians voted to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Census and grant the Australian Government the power to make laws for them.
- ***3 June:*** Marks the historic ***1992 High Court Mabo decision***, which recognized Native Title and overturned the legal fiction of *terra nullius*.

Education Support Personnel [ESP] Day

With ***ESP Day*** landing on ***Saturday 16 May,*** our assembly on *Friday 15 May* proved to be a great opportunity to acknowledge, thank and celebrate the ES staff employed at Brentwood Park Primary across a range of roles!

Education support personnel are an integral component of total school staffing:

- Integration aides - thank you for the care, patience and support afforded to our teachers and students!
- Library assistants - thank you for creating our library that is inspiring and for organising all of the learning and teaching resources!
- Administration - thank you for the contributions you make to the efficient operations of our school!
- Buildings and grounds maintenance - thank you, Daryl, for keeping our school so well maintained!
- Technical support - thank you, Damien for keeping our tech up-to-date and for troubleshooting our

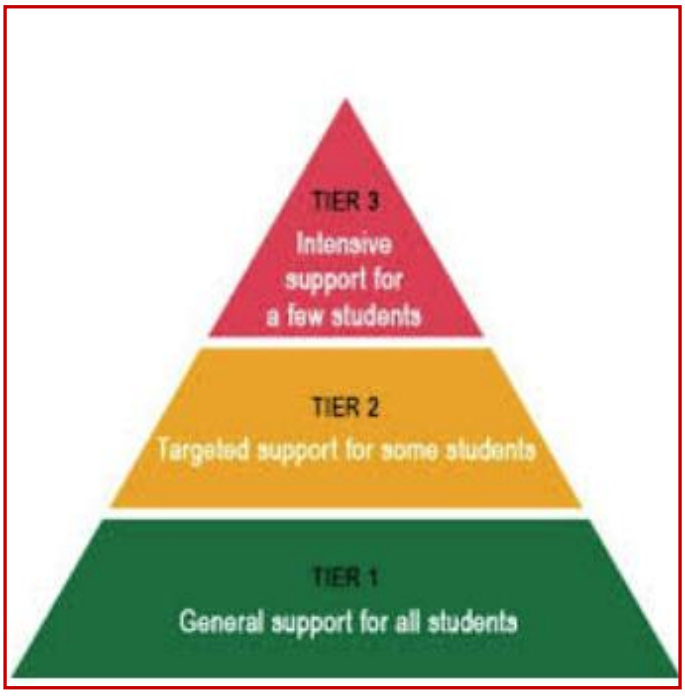
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program

Our school is embarking upon the ***School Wide Positive Behaviour Support [SWPBS]*** program. ***SWPBS*** is an evidence-based framework designed to create safe, inclusive, and positive learning environments, improving student social, emotional, and academic outcomes.

It uses a multi-tiered system to proactively teach expected behaviours, prevent issues, and use data to guide interventions across the whole school.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support [SWPBS] is a proactive strategy used in schools to promote and increase appropriate expectations of behaviours for all students while establishing a safe learning environment. Students who are at risk for behaviour problems can be identified for placement in the three tiers of the school-wide positive behaviour support (SWPBS) program: universal, targeted, and intensive.

- ***Tier 1*** is universal. All students learn behaviour expectations from the general education teacher.
- ***Tier 2*** is targeted. Some students need more support with behaviour expectations through instruction and intervention. A behaviour education program can be implemented in this tier.
- ***Tier 3*** is intensive. Students receive intensive intervention and instruction due to ongoing behaviour concerns. A functional behaviour assessment [FBA] can be implemented in this tier.



Curriculum Highlight

Anthea Barry is a valued education support staff member contributing significantly to the educational goals of the children with whom she works. Her impact however, is all across all Prep—Year 6 classes by deepening the students' understanding of ***First Nations*** perspectives and traditions.

This impact is featured as a ***curriculum highlight*** page when ***Anthea*** recently presented to our Year 2 classes.

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.

Brentwood Park Primary School's grounds and maintenance staff member, ***Daryl West*** proposed the idea which he will willingly coordinate. Enlisting the support of students is a key factor and our ***Student Representative Council***, under the facilitation of staff member, ***Lily Scouler*** have come to his aid and will be assisting in the promotion and collection of the recycling resources!

Australian Maths Competition

This year Brentwood Park will once again be entering our ***Year 3-6 students*** into the ***Australian Maths Competition [AMC].*** As a school this event has been very well supported with over 200 students participating last year. Our parent community is also very enthusiastic about this learning opportunity for our students.

The competition will be held on ***Tuesday 4th August*** to ***Thursday 6th August 2026***.

Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. ***Education Week*** in Victoria 2026 runs from ***Monday 18 May*** to ***Friday 22 May,*** celebrating public education under the theme *"Showcase Your School"*.

Schools across the state would normally host open days, assemblies, and special events to celebrate their unique communities and learning opportunities ***Unfortunately, industrial action currently underway has inhibited its undertaking this year at Brentwood Park Primary School.***

Annual Report to the School Community 2025

The ***Annual Report,*** is now published and can be shared and celebrated with our school community. Accordingly, it will be presented at a public meeting scheduled for **6:00 p.m**. on ***23 June***, prior to the commencement of our next school council meeting. Those who wish to attend are asked to contact the school to register their attendance. The report is already uploaded on to the school's website for ready access.

SPORTS SHORTS

WEEK 5, TERM 2 2026

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Last Tuesday, 49 students represented our school at the District Cross Country carnival at Toomuc Valley Reserve in Pakenham. All students demonstrated fantastic effort and resilience on the day while navigating an unfamiliar and challenging course.

A special congratulations is to be given to Aleyna C, Minuli S, Renusha M, Evni P, Navya K, and Mahlia R, who will progress to Division Cross Country after their placings in the top 10. Well done, girls!

Division Cross Country will take place on Wednesday, 27th of May, once again at Toomuc Valley Reserve in Pakenham. Information regarding this event is now available on XUNO.

UPCOMING

MAY 27	Division Cross Country
AUG 11	District Athletics
TBC	Shot Put, Long Jump, Triple Jump and Discus Events

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

VS Oatlands Primary School

HOME: AFL, Kickball and Netball

Thanking you for your continued support!

Jim, Dylan, Chanel, and Kirsty

Mother's Day Picnic

Foundation 2026

Mum

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YEAR 2 FIRST NATIONS PRESENTATION

In week 3, the Year 2 students welcomed ES staff member and First Nations woman, Anthea Barry, into their classrooms to deliver a presentation about connection to country, kinship and totems. Students were captivated as Anthea shared her personal experiences, cultural knowledge and meaningful artefacts, helping to deepen their understanding of First Nations perspectives and traditions. Anthea's presentation sparked curiosity, encouraged thoughtful questioning and fostered respect for First Nations culture. The Year 2 students and teachers are extremely grateful for the time and effort Anthea put into her presentation and felt it was a wonderful introduction to their First Nations unit beginning early next week.

Year 5/6 Production

Save the Date

Year 5/6 Production

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Bunjil Place

FOOD BANK

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thank you, to everyone who has generously donated items to our Breakfast Club. We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support we have received from our school community. We have received toasters (thank you Brodie and the Taylor family), sausages, margarine, butter, and jam. All donations are very much appreciated. A special mention goes to Jessica, 6LM, who has written a letter asking for donations. She has visited Coles, Woolworths, Aldi and Baker's Delight. Some common items for donation to assist in the running of Breakfast Club are; margarine, dishwashing liquid, and disposable gloves. Donations of flour, sausages, eggs, sugar, jam, a juicer or sandwich press would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Any donations can be directed to Mel.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jessica and I attend Brentwood Park Primary School. I am in grade 6.

At school we have a breakfast club on Tuesdays and Thursdays which is targeted towards kids who can't afford breakfast or don't have time to eat breakfast. At our school we feel that anyone should have the opportunity to have a bite to eat. At Brentwood Park Primary, our Breakfast Club aims to ensure that every student starts their day with a full stomach and a ready mind. Currently, we serve 300 students each morning, but we rely entirely on the generosity of our community to keep our pantry stocked.

The toast is our usual most popular but last week one of the teachers kindly donated a packet of 24 sausages and everyone was so excited to eat something warm on a chilly morning.

Breakfast club is completely voluntary, run by teachers, parents and sometimes students like me. We are asking for donations of items such as cereal, sausages, flour, butter/margarine any regular donations or vouchers would be greatly appreciated

Thank you for reading this letter.

Kindest regards Jessica

Jessica

This is a genuine request for support from Brentwood Park Primary School.

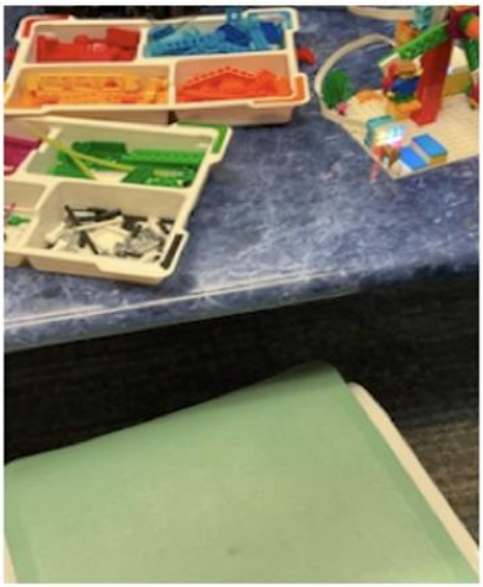
Please address your response to the teacher who runs breakfast club Mel Dennis. Melanie.dennis@education.vic.gov.au

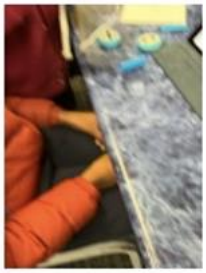
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES?

Lisa Lilley – Digital Technologies specialist teacher/manager (Years F to 4 only) **Email:** lisa.lilley@education.vic.gov.au
Sarah Ierfone - Digital Technologies specialist teacher (3 x Year 4 classes per semester)
Daisy He – Media specialist teacher (Years 5 & 6 only)

4CR, 4MS & 4TC - LEGO SPIKE ROBOTICS & CODING with Lisa in the computer lab

LEGO Education SPIKE Essential (45345) is a hands-on STEAM learning tool for primary school students combining LEGO bricks with intelligent hardware and block-based coding. Part of the LEGO Learning System, it features 449 pieces, including motors and a colour sensor, to teach coding, engineering, and storytelling in an engaging way.





WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 MAY 2026!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Term 2

Week ending 15th May, 26

STAR OF THE WEEK

0MB	Ganishkha	for consistently trying your very best in every activity and always showing a positive attitude towards your learning.
0EP	Alena	for being a fantastic class helper by showing kindness. I am so proud to see you always try your best.
0LP	Kabir	for giving everything your best go!
0RC	Luna	for your terrifically original sentences.
0TL	Adam	for working hard to sound out and read words.
1AU	Hamza	for being a kind and helpful member of our classroom. You are a STAR!
1CM	Dhyaan	YOU HAVE SHOWN excellence in our class this week especially in your narrative writing piece. Keep shining!
1NG	Sameeksha	you always complete your homework and have it submitted on time. Keep up the awesome work!
1KM	Akshra	for working hard on your spelling.
1SL	Aarvi	for presenting an amazing 'show and share' and demonstrating your great confidence. Keep up your beautiful effort!
2SM	Caira	for always trying your best and showing determination, even when learning tasks feel challenging.
2SY	Angelina	for trying very hard with vertical algorithms in both addition and subtraction.
2LD	Roneth	for being a responsible learner. Your enthusiasm and curiosity for learning are clearly reflected in the quality of your work and contributions to discussions.
2LM	Sruthi	for making mature and responsible choices in the classroom, striving to get the best out of your learning!
2AL	Emre	for your efforts to use the vertical algorithm for subtraction with renaming.
2CH	Ray	for always trying your best, actively participating in classroom discussions and consistently following classroom expectations.
2JL	Aadya	for your fantastic efforts in using vertical algorithms in maths. Keep it up!
3AM	Zoey	for demonstrating her understanding in solving vertical subtraction equations.
3BC	Sadiv	for being a maths superstar this week. You have shown confidence and persistence.
3JR	Harrison	for listening and consistently contributing to class discussions thoughtfully. You are a star, Harrison!
3GA	Anu	for her effort to answer comprehension questions about our class text. You are amazing, Anu!
3AJ	Omid	for your fantastic predications about 'Ruby' and the Map'. Well done!
4SA	Diya	for always showing respect and kindness to others. You are a star!
4MS	Amitoj	for your excellent effort in this week's Big Write. You have made good progress in writing.
4NH	Sanuli	for continued efforts in reading and maths and always leading with a growth mindset.
4TC	Krisha	thank you for the effort and preparation you put into your Big Write.
4VK	Aryan	for being a 'mathematical' super student with excellent problem solving skills!
4CR	Nick	for consistently trying your best in all learning areas. You've been working hard. Keep up the fantastic effort.
5CW	n/a	
5NR	Xue Rui	for your consistent focus and strong effort in your learning. You are achieving excellent progress-keep it up!

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Term 2

Week ending 15th May, 26 .

5RH	Zara	for showing excellence by consistently applying yourself to all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort!
5MT	Aarav	for your non stop effort! You always try your best in everything you do and your information report was amazing! Well done!
5BM	Lara	for showing excellent effort and persistence while completing their crocodile information report this week. You also worked well with others during a variety of different tasks and were a positive member of the class team.
5KW	Gowtham	for putting in 100% effort into his writing tasks this week.
6EK	Jayson	for his patience and leadership when working in partners' groups, and with buddies this week. Keep making good choices and being a good role model to others.
6MB	Krishna	for making valuable contributions during our reading sessions.
6ED	Evan	for completing an outstanding digital report on 'The Animals that went to War'. You presented clearly and used fantastic images to demonstrate your knowledge- Well done!
6KR	Bryan	for demonstrating our school value of 'teamwork' with enthusiastically participating in the learning of our songs and dances for production.
6LM	Sithmi	for always being helpful, kind and considerate to everyone around her.
6SM	Adviek	for being a fantastic contributor to our maths discussions. Well done, Adviek!
6LS	Daniel	for taking responsibility for his learning and challenging himself to complete tasks.

SPECIALISTS

PE—DYLAN
n/a

PE-JIM/KIRSTY/CHANEL
n/a

PA-SARAH

0EP	for exploring the 'ta' and 'ti, ti' patterns using body percussion, coordinated hand movements and our rhythm cups!

ART-JESS

1SL	for listening carefully to instructions and working independently at your tables.

ART-BREE

4VK	for your careful colour mixing, neat painting and working as a team to clean up. Well done!

CHINESE-DAISY

5NR	awesome job in participating in the speaking game this week. Keep it up!

CHINESE-LORRAINE

4TC	for your fantastic participation and enthusiasm in our Chinese Whisper game this week! Everyone made a wonderful effort to communicate messages using spoken Chinese and showed great teamwork! Keep up the amazing work!

DT-LISA/SARAH

2LD	fantastic block coding with Edison. Your musical tunes were very creative. Well done!

PA-KENNETH

3GA	for a lesson full of concentration while playing recorders, extending our knowledge to include notes A, G and B.

MEDIA-DAISY

6KR	for your amazing job in learning how to use Lightroom to edit your photography work!

LIBRARY-ANNETTE/JO/VERONICA

5NR	thank you for helping us keep the library a respectful and tidy space for everyone. We really appreciate it. Well done!

Brentwood Park Primary School has been fundraising since the 1990s to support the school garden by selling the **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK.** The book is now an app and much bigger. It is full of discount vouchers that make purchasing something small to anything big a little more affordable. When purchasing a 12-month digital subscription online, you select BPPS as the school you wish to support, and 20% of your purchase goes towards the school. You can also participate in their competitions for extra bargains! See their offers at www.entertainment.com.au and visit their Youtube channel at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=entertainment+book.

You can get discounts for airfares, holiday accommodation, theme parks, clothing, food, attractions, social activities, entrance fees, car hire, wine, gift cards, retail for appliances, petrol, tours, cruises, travel insurance, camping, and much, much, more. Have a look and see!

Support our school garden with the Entertainment Book App.

Cheers Vicki Kromlidis

Your OSHC.

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Brentwood Park Primary School

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This session takes place in Your OSHC After School Care, at no additional cost!

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Starting May 21st (5-weeks)

Thursdays from 5:30pm

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Brentwood Park Primary School

Before School Care	Hours	Full fee	Fee after max. CCS	Fee after 70% CCS
Recurring	6:45 – 8:45	$29.36	$6.30	$11.43
Casual	6:45 – 8:45	$31.86	$8.80	$13.93
After School Care	**Hours**	**Full fee**	**Fee after max. CCS**	**Fee after 70% CCS**
Recurring	3:20 – 6:30	$37.33	$3.73	$11.20
Casual	3:20 – 6:30	$39.83	$3.98	$11.95

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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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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.

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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.

City of Casey

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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!

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