



The many Faces of Independence

The following is from another an article by Michael Grose on one of my favourite topics;

Here are 5 ways for parents to give their children the skills, encouragement and support in their quest for independence. It's been well documented in recent years that children/young people are dependent on adults for longer. In Australia one in four 18-30 year olds still live at home and those numbers are on the increase. There are many reasons for this including lack of housing, affordability, working and partnering later, and simple convenience.

The propensity for many parents to do too much for children is a massive contributor to this increased dependency. Oddly, this is the exact opposite of what parents have always done, which is to develop their children's independence, and in doing so effectively become redundant from their children.

There are a number of reasons for the current high level of dependency parenting including family shrinkage (parents are able to do a great deal for kids in small families), older parents (often over-concerned), busyness of life (it's easier to do than delegate) and a heightened fear that the world is a dangerous place for children and young people.

Independence is the point

When independence becomes your priority then suddenly you've found a pathway to the development of other positive qualities and traits in your children including the key four:

confidence that comes from facing fears;
competence that's built through mastery;
creativity that's encouraged when kids must resolve their own problems
character that is forged under the duress of challenge and hardship

Adults are the gatekeepers for children's independence. And of course, independence takes many guises including:

1. Self-help skills

The starting point for independence building is giving kids the skills, know-how and confidence to look after their own wellbeing and welfare. This is shown in the many everyday situations where parents model, teach and provide opportunities for children to look after themselves. This includes toddlers undressing themselves, primary aged children preparing their own snacks, and teenagers organising their own transport to school and after school activities. Kids develop real confidence from being able to look after themselves and others.

2. Autonomy to make choices and mistakes

Without realising it, as parents we frequently make choices on our children's behalf. We choose the food they eat; the games they play; their leisure activities and often the clothes they wear. When families are large (four or more children) parents usually give their children more space to make their own decisions as well as opportunities to learn from their poor choices. This may mean that children choose healthy interests and pursuits that parents are unfamiliar with, or even swim against the tide of their parents' wishes. In small families parents often know so much about minutiae of children's lives that inevitably we tend to impose greater well-intentioned control over children's decisions.

3. Freedom to explore the neighbourhood

On a recent trip to Italy I was struck by how much freedom to wander their neighbourhoods Italian children had. It was a throwback to the type of childhood that many of today's parents experienced, where we had the opportunity to navigate our neighbourhoods on our own without having to check in with our parents all the time.

4. Freedom to explore unpredictable and potentially risky environments

Independence is also built when children spend time in unpredictable, potentially risky environments such as the bush or new environments beyond their neighbourhood. There may be some risk involved but this is where real learning lies for children and young people. Eliminate the risk and you eliminate the learning.

5. Taking responsibility for your own problems and actions

There's no doubt many kids are adept at shifting their problems and responsibilities to adults. One of my children would always blame me when they were late for school. Even though the child in question had an alarm clock and was more than capable of using it, any lack of punctuality was somehow shifted to me. Go figure! Independence comes when children take ownership of their responsibilities rather than using someone else as a scapegoat.

In order to grant children and young people the type of independence outlined parents need to:

- ✓ **be brave rather than fearful;**
- ✓ **work hard to develop the skills and know-how kids' independence requires**
- ✓ **be willing to give kids the encouragement and support they need to step out of their comfort zones when independence seems too hard.**

Helen Miller
Principal

Secondary schools in Darebin

As parents of future secondary students, it is important that you know about this community workshop:

Invitation: Community Workshop for School Provision

The Department of Education and Training is currently reviewing school provision in Preston.

A workshop is being held to ask local people for feedback on the review's approach and help develop a rigorous process for determining school provision needs, as well as share information and explore local issues and perspectives.

As a member of the local community, we would like to invite you to participate in the workshop.

The review is expected to focus on the suburb of Preston and the immediately surrounding areas of Northcote, Coburg, Thornbury and Reservoir. The opportunity to refine the review area will be provided during the workshop.

This project is delivering on the State Government's election commitment to undertake a school provision review regarding the need for a high school in Preston and the reopening of the Preston Girls' Secondary College as a suitable site.

When: 6pm - 8pm, Wednesday 28 October 2015

Location: The Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, corner of Bell Street and St Georges Road, Preston

Anyone wishing to attend the event should register through Eventbrite [here](#).

Those who have registered will be given priority in the event the venue reaches capacity.

Mini - Fair next Wednesday 28/10/15!!

Please help us make our Mini Fair a huge success.

Send donations to school.

See later in newsletter for more information.

DIARY DATES

22 nd October	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	12 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
23rd October	Group 5 Perform at Assembly	13th November	Group 10 Perform at Assembly
	Interschool Sport - BYE		Reservoir Vs William Ruthven (Away)
27 th October	Nude Food Day – see report in Newsletter	17 th November	Prep Transition – 2:00-3:15pm
28 th October	Mini Fair 11.30 – 1.30	19 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
29 th October	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	20th November	Group 6 Perform at Assembly
	Year 2 Sleepover		Reservoir Vs Reservoir East (Away)
30th October	Group 2 Perform at Assembly	24 th November	Prep Transition – 2:00-3:15pm
	Reservoir Vs Kingsbury (Home)	26 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2
2nd November	Report Writing Day / Curriculum Day No School for Students	27 th November	Reservoir Vs Reservoir Views (Away)
3rd November	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday	1 st December	Prep Transition – 2:00-3:15pm
5 th November	Swimming for Preps to Year 2	4 th December	Reservoir Vs Our Lady of the Way (Home)
6th November	Group 7 Perform at Assembly	8 th December	Orientation Day at Secondary Schools For Year 6 Students
	Reservoir Vs St. Josephs (Home)	15 th December	Year 6 Graduation
10 th November	Prep Transition – 2:00-3:15pm	18th December	Last Day of Term 4

'Birthday Greetings' to the following students who are celebrating a birthday in the coming weeks:

Mohmad R., Adam M., Reece, Norah, Chantel N., James Z., Elsie, Chloe C., Mason W., Vinnie Y., Allegra, Jordan M., Hala Alq., Alaa A., and Sina.



STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with **Student of the Week** awards at Assembly on the 16th of October, 2015:

Sara H., Evgenij, Christine, Reece H., Kholod, Ruby, Maryam, Zara B., Oliver, Tristan, Esther, Parneet, Dewmi, Anqi, Amna, James H. and Otis.

Encouragement Awards:

Randa, Nathan S., Max, Mohmad R., Kerim, Adrian, Litia, Raneem, Abdulmalek, Makelita, Muktada, Gabrielle, Isobel B. and Mustafa Alt.

NEXT WEDNESDAY – 28/10/15....MINI FAIR

11:00am – 1:30pm

Next Wednesday is our annual Mini Fair. It is due to your generosity that our Mini Fair is a great success.



Fairy Floss
Ice Cream
Icy Poles/Fruit Tubes
Popcorn
Frog in a Pond
Lolly Bags



Café for Parents
Cans of Soft Drink



Coloured Hair Spray
Jumping Castle
Face Paint & Glitter
Bead making



Disco
Sausage Sizzle
Show Bags
Badge Making



We will of course be having a Cake Stall and the plates will be been sent home on Monday for the Mini Fair. Please bring all donations to the Staffroom on the morning of the Mini Fair!

Parents are more than welcome to attend! We would love to see you there.
A note will be sent home on Monday with the prices for the Mini-Fair

SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAM YEAR 5 AND 6

This Friday in Interschool sport Reservoir Primary School have the BYE so there will be no sport.

Last week's results were:

Hardball Cricket: What an intense moment! Which hand should I choose? Left or right? Right or left? I choose Left. Yes! We won the toss. We bowled first. Sadman opened the bowling with accuracy. A few extras. Secondly Dylan bowled. We kept on attacking. Sadman was showing off. One handed catch, catching while lying on the ground. Zac had three tough chances. First chance, unlucky, second chance, missed it. Third chance..... catch! Zac had caught the ball. We batted. Our batting could do with a bit of improvement. Final scores were Thomastown 59 runs and Reservoir 37. We lost, but we played as a superb team.

Girl's Bat Tennis: Last Friday we played against Thomastown. It was a nice warm windy day to play a game of Bat Tennis. The girls played singles and doubles. We played hard but fairly. Unfortunately we lost our games however I'm sure we will win next time!

Boy's Bat Tennis: What a great day it was to play bat tennis against Thomastown. We started off with Singles A and Doubles A. In singles it was Denholm. He played really well winning 9-1. While Denholm was playing Josh and Farouk were playing. Josh and Farouk ended up winning 9-0. Next up was Singles B and Doubles B. Sweeney played great with a win of 9-0. Next was Doubles B. Ahmed and Corey were up. The end score was 9-1. Overall the scores were 36 to Reservoir and 2 to Thomastown.

Kanga Cricket: Our first game, some of the team were scared because it was their first time; but not for Jasmeet as she was our captain. We were playing against Thomastown at Donath Reserve. When we saw the Thomastown players they looked short but ready. Jasmeet tossed the coin and Thomastown decided to field first which meant we were batting. Jasmeet caught 3 or 4 catches and took one wicket. Gabby was going well but every catch she caught unfortunately was a bad bowl except 2. Edward was wicket keeper for a while but missed a few outs due to misunderstanding and not knowing all the rules. It rained halfway through the match making us wet, the grass slippery and the match tougher. Overall the scores were Reservoir 2.5 and Thomastown 5. They won by doubling our score. We were all disappointed but we knew we could improve our skills and do better in the next game.

23 rd October	BYE	
30 th October	Reservoir v Kingsbury	Home
6 th November	Reservoir v St. Joseph The Worker	Home
13 th November	Reservoir v William Ruthven	Away
20 th November	Reservoir v Reservoir East	Away
27 th November	Reservoir v Reservoir Views	Away
4 th December	Reservoir V Our Lady of the Way	Home

VICSWIM Summer Kidz

Vicswim brochures are available at the office. If you wish to enrol you can go to their website www.vicswim.com.au

Aquatics and Recreation Victoria (ARV), through its VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program has been teaching children to Play it Safe by the Water with swimming and water safety lessons, since 1976.

The VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is offered to all Victorians, with nearly one million having participated over this time. This long standing, proven program is offered for one, two or three weeks during the January school holidays, at pools and open water locations throughout Victoria.

\$30.00 for 5 sessions

For further information phone 9271 3800

Start Dates: Monday 4th January 2016; Monday 11th January 2016 and Monday 18th January 2016.

MILO IN2CRICKET

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- ✓ Introduces girls and boys, aged 5-8, to Australia's favourite sport.
- ✓ Develops fundamental movement skills
- ✓ Develops team values
- ✓ Great way for kids to make new friends and have loads of fun in a safe environment
- ✓ 8-12 week program
- ✓ All equipment supplied, including soft ball
- ✓ Sessions last up to 60 minutes
- ✓ Inclusive of all abilities, skill levels and children with a disability
- ✓ Kids receive a BONUS player pack upon registration



Preston Community Cricket Program is run at J.E. Moore Park North

Starting at 9:00am on Saturday 31st of October

The program runs for eight weeks

Contact David Hall on 0413 840 047 or dhall@cricketvictoria.com.au

Carp Productions presents *PROUD TO BE ME*

Attention Earthlings! Our friendly neighbourhood superhero, Marvellous Me, has flown in with an important message - we all have special superpowers! With a sprinkle of Magnificent Me magic, we'll discover what makes us unique. Stories about the importance of friendship and embracing our special skills (plus some serious Superhero fun) are used to help us celebrate our individuality.



Am I different from other people?

How am I like other people?

What is important about me?

Discover your inner Superhero and be Proud to be You!

Date: Monday 9th November 2015

Time: Morning (2 sessions)

Years: P-4

Place: Multipurpose room

AusVELS: Communication, English, Interpersonal Development, Personal Learning, The Arts, Thinking Processes.

Each Carp Production includes lots of audience participation.

STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS IN GROUP 11:

Frozen In Time With Jason

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me. People in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams, all lifeless frozen in time. I looked around; however Keith and I weren't frozen. We weren't the only ones; Jason came and it was Friday the 13th. We ran from Jason but at every turn we saw Jason until I had an idea. We ran to the park and pretended to be frozen. Jason didn't see us, so we ran to a volcano. He followed us. Keith and I thought what would Jack Septiceye do? We summoned Septic Sam. Septic Sam shot lasers and the lasers forced Jason into the lava.

Everyone started to move again, "We should be prepped next time", whispered Keith. So we went home and never mentioned our experience to anyone.

Dylan K.

All Because of a Game of Hide and Seek.....

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me; people in cars, men on bikes, babies in prams, all lifeless frozen in time.

BANG!!! And everything goes back to normal. What happened, how did it happen, why did it happen? But I'll have to find that out myself.

I look around for some clues and then I see some. It's a kind of egg timer and it's buzzing with electricity and there's some foot prints leading away from it. I wonder where they lead!

I see someone turn a corner and I start to run after him shouting "STOP IN THE NAME OF THE LAW"!!!!!!

It just felt wrong a kid yelling at a highly dangerous criminal. Suddenly I get a boost of speed and I'm soon just behind him. He looks back and trips. I jump on him and yell, "GOTCHA"!!!!!! "Why did you do this"? I say in a distressed voice. He said it was revenge on Jony because he found me in hide and seek. Anyway he went to jail and we all lived happily ever after until another day. But, that's another story!

Thomas T.

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me. People in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams, all lifeless, frozen in time. Why wasn't I frozen? Suddenly a voice came from the beach. La la la! Everything went back to normal. I thought it was a ghost or a monster. After a month I found out who was making that noise, it was a ghost. I was stoked when I heard it again. It was my grandma. She suddenly appeared in front of me. She whispered, "My child I didn't freeze you, the God froze everyone". Grandma shouted to the God, "You're not going to freeze my granddaughter". All was back to normal, the world will not freeze ever again thanks to my grandma!

Rutvi

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time. I was scared. I saw a man in a black suit with a stopwatch. I was following the man. I shouted, "Stop right there, thank you very much!" He froze in front of me with a frightened look on his face. He decided to run quickly, I ran as fast as I could to catch him. Two minutes later I caught him. I yelled "What have you done?" "How do I fix this?" I shouted. He wouldn't answer me. What will I do? What am I going to do? I thought to myself.

Seraj

World Wonder

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time. Span was the only one that was not a statue! He was desperate to know what happened to these people. Suddenly Span heard a voice from a dark bush. He quickly ran away from the bush. "Hi, I'm Span's friend and I don't know why everyone is frozen". Suddenly I heard a voice from the bush. We didn't know we were running to the same place and so bumped our heads together. We both were glad to see each other. We both had an idea and so we clicked our fingers at the same time. In one second everyone went back to normal. "I wonder what happened?" exclaimed Span and his friend.

Parth

Bleary-eyed I went downstairs for breakfast. The house was empty, even the furniture had gone..... My parents had been kidnapped and the furniture had been stolen. I went outside and the neighbourhood was quiet, I knew I was being watched. I looked behind me and the front door had been shut! I was locked out of my own house. Later I tried busting the door open but no use I was in trouble. "Aha!" I said to my friend who lives around the corner on Bell Street. I ran to his house and I knocked on the door..... "Oh no!" I said my friend is at the shopping centre which meant he wasn't home. An hour later I heard a crumble in the bushes. I had frozen by the time I heard that crumble in the bushes again. Later I figured out that my phone was in my pocket so I called my other friend Keith. When he answered the phone I told him the whole story and he had said the same thing had happened to his family. Meanwhile as I was talking to Keith I saw a man in a red truck, it was the kidnapper. I saw my mum and dad all tied up with rope and duct tape over their mouths. I tried saying, "STOP!" but no use. I tried calling the police and they said they were on their way. When the man in the truck saw me calling the police he opened the door in the back seat and threw my parents out of the car and drove away. By the time the police arrived the man in the truck had vanished. A policeman asked me, "Did you see the number template?" I replied, "No". After that day the man in the truck was never seen again.

Zach D.

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time. I didn't know what to do. I wasn't surprised. I went home for tea. I remembered my parents are frozen too. No one will ever say do your homework! "I'm alive!" I shouted. Immediately I got hungry. Mum was frozen. "So who will cook?" I asked myself. I did everything, but it's no use. Suddenly I thought everything was frozen except me, why? I used magic to melt them. They started moving again. I saved them, I felt proud but nobody knew that I saved them.

Gurkirat

Bleary-eyed I went downstairs for breakfast. The house was empty, even the furniture had gone..... I was scared; I looked everywhere to find my Mum and Dad. I sat down and thought where could Mum and Dad be? Suddenly I yelled, "Mum, Dad!" but they didn't answer. So I went out to find Mum and Dad..... Suddenly I remembered Mum and Dad were selling the old furniture to buy some new furniture.

Alice H.

Bleary-eyed, I went downstairs for breakfast, the house was empty, even the furniture had gone. I saw a man putting all of our furniture in a truck. I tapped him on the shoulder, "What are doing mate?" "Don't ask me, I'm just doing my job little girl", Rudy whispered. My Mum and Dad were still sleeping. As soon as my Dad found out he was outside fighting and throwing rocks at the man, it looked funny. I went upstairs to mum, she was snoring. I went out the front and the man confessed, "All right, there is going to be lightning and a tornado but we found a place you can live in for a couple of days!" He told us the address and we drove there. As soon as we got there lightning came, suddenly there was a blackout. I looked out and people were running everywhere on the streets. We couldn't go to sleep until it stopped. In the morning we drove home. Our house roof was gone and windows smashed. Suddenly a man came and said to us, "I will pay for the damage". Finally we are back home safe!

Charli H.

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time. I was shocked I started to touch everyone but they stood there. I did not know what to do, I realized one thing I wasn't stiff. I went down some stairs and there was a large computer. I didn't know how to operate it and I was scared in case there was someone else who wasn't frozen. I realised maybe there were some instructions. I was very cautious. I kept looking around. All I saw was fog. I saw a black figure walking towards me, I hid behind a pole. He looked around. I saw a book in his hands. He walked to the computer. He started touching buttons. He left the instructions. I read his instructions and pressed a button. It cleared the fog, I pressed a purple button, there was a countdown 3,2,1 and everyone was back to normal. I left the room before the man saw me. He said, "Who has been touching my computer?" He peered around and everyone was moving. He found me looking suspicious. He started chasing me. I ran to my house and he started banging on the windows. I ran out of my house. He broke into a run. I finally asked him, "What do you want?" He screamed, "You ruined everything". "What do you mean?" I replied. "My computer is gone because of you!" he angrily shouted. We made a deal that if I wrecked something else I would pay the price. He kept me wondering what would happen next!!

Evan

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time. Why wasn't I frozen? Everything was quiet. It felt unusual to me. It felt like a mystery for me to solve. An adventure for me to go on! I took a step bravely. At the edge of my eye I saw a person in black clothing, he wasn't frozen at all. I walked up to him and tapped his back. He turned around. I saw his face and I was in shock. I couldn't believe my eyes. There was only one eye. Suddenly I saw photos in his hands, a photo of everyone in the world. It looked like he had frozen them. "How could he have everyone's photo", I said in my mind. I chased after the man. I kicked the man, but he quickly disappeared. All of a sudden everyone was unfrozen. I heard someone whispering to me, "You will get frozen one day too"! I looked around but nobody was there. "Such a weird day", I said to myself.

Jolin

Everything stopped, people stood like statues all around me, people in cars, men on bicycles, babies in prams all lifeless, frozen in time. Just behind me someone said, "It's a Time Paradox". It was Mrs Taliana. She told me that Group 11 were the only people who weren't affected. Mrs Taliana said to the class, "Be in groups of 3". Dylan, Zach and I were in one group. First there was a lot of arguing and secondly when I shouted, "We have to work as a team", they just stopped. We came across monsters and robots but we fought them and won in every battle. The final battle we came across Zach, Dylan and I were fighting Godzilla. He devoured all three of us. I found a katana in Godzilla's belly and I asked Zach and Dylan, "Can you find any sharp objects?" After finding sharp objects we stabbed it straight through Godzilla and pulled it to make a hole in Godzilla. We came out and we found a piece of a clock. We came back to our meeting place. Our whole group had a piece of a clock; I tried to work out how there were 4 pieces of a clock. After 2 minutes of thinking I finally came to the conclusion that the clock was keeping time together. I quickly ran to a testing lab in the city. There was a time machine with a slot that fits the clock. I put the pieces together and "Yayyyy!!!" screamed Group 11. Everybody was saved.

Keith

It was in 2014 when I first realised I could breathe under water. It looked like Stacy was the biggest fish. It was super amazing. Stacy saw sharks, fish and colourful coral. Wow! Stacy was so happy that she could breathe under water. Suddenly Stacy saw a colourful castle. Stacy swam inside the castle. In the castle there was a huge fish. Stacy yelled, "Who are you?" The fish gurgled, "I'm Sam the giant fish". She wanted to stay in the castle so Stacy asked if she could stay. Sam the fish yelled, "Yes". Stacy and Sam swam happily exploring the sea and living in the castle.

Annelise

Bleary-eyed, I went downstairs for breakfast, the house was empty, even the furniture was gone. Oh no! I'm in big trouble. What are my parents going to think? I made all this mess. I took all the furniture. I decided I was going to practise my speech for my parents to say, "I'm sorry". I felt so calm. I forgot all about the furniture. I tried to call the Salvos but no answer. I tried again but still no answer. My parents called my phone and said they were coming home!! I felt so nervous. The minute my parents walked in they asked, "Who did this?" I had nothing to say, I had no voice. My parents grounded me for a month. I wasn't even allowed to watch my favourite program. I'm going to have the worst month ever.

Esther

NUDE FOOD DAY

Information for Families

Nude Food Day is just around the corner!



What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is essentially food without packaging. This reduces the amount of material that needs to go in landfill bins. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food as they may last from preschool through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost saving and environmental benefits.

Reducing the amount of packaging, reduces the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill. It also decreases the amount of greenhouse gases generated in producing the additional packaging, creating a more sustainable environment.

Saves money in the long run for e.g. buying a large tub of yoghurt and dispensing out smaller amounts into containers is cheaper than buying individualised smaller tubs.

Packaging options can include reusable sandwich bags/containers or recycled brown paper bags. Avoid disposable items such as cling wrap/film.

This day aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of Nude Food. Students consider their packaging choices and how these impact on the environment. By investigating how packaging can be reduced, students are able to assess their own actions and decisions when packing their lunchbox.

On Being Happy - Quotes No. 2

Being happy never goes out of style. – Lilly Pulitzer

The only thing that will make you happy is being happy with who you are and not who people think you are. – Goldie Hawn

Don't look for happiness, create it.

Everyone wants happiness.

No one wants pain

But you can't have a rainbow, without a little rain.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up. – Mark Twain

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort. – Franklin Roosevelt

Special events in October 2015

FREE DAILY State Library of Victoria

Play Pod: the Play Pod is packed with interactive activities for children to read, create and play. Travel around Australia in a Play Pod inspired by Alison Lester's classic book 'Are we there yet?' 10am-4pm. The Courtyard.

FREE Dreamy Puppets

Dreamer in Space is a magical black-light puppet show featuring a gentle, brave and curious creature named Dreamer. Children will be enthralled as they travel with dreamer to discover new solar systems and encounter a planet eating space monster!

Day: Tuesday 27th October 10am and 11:45 am.

Place: Preston City Hall.

Both shows are the same so please just book for one and make sure you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the show.

**Tickets are free but bookings are required darebin.vic.gov.au/childrensweek

FREE 25th October Children's Week Picnic at Werribee Park

A day of interactive activities for children such as a trackless train, inflatable jungle maze, TrySportz Zone, games, cooking classes and craft. 10am-4pm. Werribee Park 9742 0824
education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek



Daily HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY (Kids are free)*

Spring Babies

Meet some of the bush babies this spring including wombat joeys and kangaroo babies and hear the tales of survival in the Baby Burrow, 9am-5pm \$13.60- 30.80, Children (U16years) free during school holidays, weekends and public holidays. Healesville 1300 966 784 zoo.org.au

Daily passport to Africa- Werribee Open Range Zoo (Kids are free)*

Come face to face with lions, rhinos, giraffes and hippos on a journey through the African plains with a map and a zoo passport to mark off the animals seen. 9am-5pm. \$13.60- \$30.80, Children under 16 years free during school holidays, weekends and public holidays. Werribee South 1300 966 784 zoo.org.au s featuring an immersive

* Free admission for children under 16 on weekends, Victorian Government school holidays and public holidays.

FREE 10th -31st October The Secret Garden

A surreal and ultra- sensory exhibition by Swedish artists, opening up a world of strange delights and encounters featuring an immersive landscape, sculpture, light, sound and film. Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday: Noon-5pm. Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Southbank 9697 9999
accaonline.org.au



Parks are Popping up in Darebin

New temporary parks are popping up in Darebin, testing new area for play, rest and recreation. The new Reservoir pop-up park on the corner of Cheddar Road and Broadway is an open, backyard-themed area including a large sandpit for young children, elements for skaters and scooter riders as well as planting and seating. The park integrates many of the ideas raised during the development of the Reservoir Streetscape Masterplan.

Come along to take part in the free, one hour exercise sessions at the park at 9:30am each Friday until the 4th of December.

PIANO FOR BEGINNERS

Group Classes for 5 – 7 Year olds and 8 – 10 year olds
2015 Term 4 – New Pilot Programs Enrolling Now in Reservoir



Piano lessons are a great way for children to discover music, challenge cognitive skills and to develop communication skills through listening and performing.

Piano for Beginners classes are designed for families who don't have an instrument at home. A strong focus of the classes will be on singing and exploring music through games and group activities. Young learners will discover key musical concepts and meet new friends in a small group situation. It is a fun way to introduce music in preparation for learning any instrument in the future. Two performances have been organised for students in term 4, 2015.



For more details you can contact

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UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Recently there was a small increase in a few items on our Uniform List so we will send home a new price list with your child.. Thank you.