COCKATOO PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Cockatoo

A Great Place To Be!

NO. 1

Thursday February 6th 2015

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 11th  
No school for ALL Preps.  
Dental Van School Visit

Wednesday, February 12th  
Dental Van School Visit

Monday, February 16th  
Whole School Photos 9.00am SHARP

Tuesday, February 17th  
Ramingining Information Night 7.30pm

Wednesday, February 18th  
No school for ALL Preps  
Parent Teacher Exchange

Monday, February 23rd  
EDEC Swimming Trials, Belgrave Pool

Tuesday, February 24th  
School House Sports at Mountain Road

Wednesday, February 25th  
No school for ALL Preps.  
School Council Meeting at 7.30pm SHARP

Friday, February 27th  
Whole School Clean Up Day  
School Assembly at 2.30pm. All welcome!

Wednesday, March 4th  
No school for ALL Preps.

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More Dates to Remember

Monday, March 9th
Labour Day Holiday. No School for ALL students

Wednesday, March 18th
EDEC Athletics
No school for ALL Preps

Wednesday, March 25th
Preps attend full day
School Council Meeting at 7.30pm SHARP

Friday, March 27th
Last Day Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Friday, April 3rd
GOOD Friday

Term 2
Monday, April 13th
First Day of Term 2. School commences 9.00am

Notices Sent Home Since Last Week:
Student Details – Return with changes by Friday, February 13th
Ramingining Meeting Grade 5 families only
Book Club Issue 1 due back February
School Photo Envelopes
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to every student and their parents. A very special welcome is sent to our new students in preps and other grades across the school. Our school is a great school and I am certain that your time with us will be sensational and you will enjoy all that our school has to offer!

We had a very smooth start to the school year with our Foundation students settling in exceptionally well. As they began their very first school activity, our youngest students looked like very old hands at ‘school business.’ It is the sight of these little people in their brand new uniforms confidently negotiating the demands of school life that confirms the strength of our transition program and the happy start to school it ensures!

At all times we endeavour to provide a happy, safe and secure environment for your children. Anybody who works at the school including cleaners, the handyman and classroom staff all have police checks, we are vigilant with yard duty, we will follow through with all issues that are of concern. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your child’s needs. My door is always open so just pop in or call. The more that parents and teachers work in partnership, the greater the educational outcomes attained and the happier the children will be.

I would like to warmly welcome Judy Knight back to manage the school canteen. Judy had extended leave during 2014 and it is wonderful to see Judy’s sparkling smile around the school again! Alysa Clorley took hold of the canteen reins during Judy’s absence and did a fantastic job – thanks Alysa – we all appreciated what you did!

On the second last day of term 4, Trent Morison was offered a contract at Healesville Secondary College teaching VCE Health and PE. This was Trent’s dream position and to be offered a position which rarely becomes available resulted in a very difficult decision needing to be made – foregoing his contract at our school. We will miss Trent, a natural at this teaching game, and wish him every success in the future.

As a consequence, Tim Dewar is now teaching grade 1 / 2 at our school: and loving it as much as we love the fact that he is in a grade! Deb Tunney was appointed by ECHO as our new school chaplain and is beginning to get to know our students and families. Deb comes with a wealth of experience and being a local, loves the strong sense of community in Cockatoo.

A special thank you to the teachers for the preparations made during the vacation period to ensure that everything was ready for optimum learning from day one – teachers, you are very dedicated and I appreciate all that you do very much!

School Council Election Process

It is very fast approaching the time of the year when we must conduct school council elections. The information below details the role of school council and the election process. I would encourage parents to consider standing for council as it is a very rewarding experience. School Council meets for a minimum of eight meetings being held each year.

I would like to thank the following School Council members whose term of office expires at this year – Roz Eldridge, Jo Revell, Andrew Hutchinson, Karen Browne, Sarah Abraham, Tim Stapleton, Elise Tumedge and Cameron Angus. The School Council has been totally supportive of the school and has always had the students’ best interest foremost in their minds when all decision making takes place.

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School Council Election 2015 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term i each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term i each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

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Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember**

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

**School Council Timeline**

Elections will be held shortly and the following time line for elections is in place for 2015:

Nominations for School Council will be called as of Thursday February 12th 2015. The nomination form for both categories is available from the office. Nominations will close at 4PM on Thursday February 19th 2015. If a ballot is necessary, ballot papers will be available on Thursday February 26th and the close of ballot will be Thursday March 5th 2015 at 4.00PM. The outcome will be announced on March 6th 2015 after votes have been counted on Thursday 5th of March after close of ballot.

**Parent/Teacher Information Exchange**

Parent/Teacher Information Exchange will take place from 2.00PM until 8.00PM on Wednesday 18th February 2015. This exchange will provide teachers with the opportunity to learn about your child therefore ensuring that the best educational goals for your child can be set. If you are unavailable to attend on the 18th please contact your child’s teacher to make an alternative appointment.

*Please note that this is not a student free day and all children attend school as usual for the entire school day.*

**Days of Extreme Heat**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the procedure developed by the Department of Education and Training that would be followed for early dismissal on days of excessive heat. This procedure is implemented to ensure the children’s wellbeing on days where the temperature is very high. Under this policy, the children’s lunch time in the hot afternoon sun can be reduced by 30 minutes. This policy is effective immediately.

We ask all parents to check the forecast before school on the morning of a day where the temperature is expected to reach 38 degrees or above. Irrespective of whether the expected temperature reaches that forecast for the day, *if the prediction before school on the 8.00AM news, is for temperatures of 38 degrees or above,* the children will be dismissed at 3.00PM.

The children will have a shortened lunch break to ensure minimal disruption to learning time.

All teachers are on duty until the normal time, so if the amendment to the dismissal time causes any hardship please write a note to explain that your children are to remain at school until 3.30PM. If supervision of your children is required on a permanent basis, one note will be sufficient. Please indicate in your letter that this is a permanent arrangement.

*If no note is received it will be assumed that your child will be dismissed at the earlier time of 3.00PM.*

The children who will be going to After School Care will be supervised by teaching staff until the After School Care program commences at 3.30PM.
Lunch and Snack Eating Time
During allocated times, all students will be eating their food inside and will not be able to go outside to play until all of their food has been eaten. The main reason for this procedure is due to the fact that we have several students in danger of an anaphylactic reaction to specific foods eg nuts, egg which has created a need to avoid cross contamination within the playground.

Emergency Management Plan
I would like to remind all parents that the school has a very detailed Emergency Management Plan that ensures the safety of the children in the event of any disaster. Should there be a bushfire threat the children will be housed in the multipurpose room. Once we implement our Plan please note that under no circumstances will any children be dismissed from our care until I receive a directive from the Department of Education and Training informing me that it is safe to do so.
I understand that many families have developed their own bush fire plans and if these necessitate leaving Cockatoo on days of Total Fire Ban, we ask that you telephone the school to inform us that your children are with you. Please find our detailed procedures for bushfire outbreaks.

School closures will occur on Code Red Alert Days or other days as specified by the Department of Education and Training. Where possible, warning notification will be provided to parents by letter 3 days prior to the closure, and then via SMS mobile message, letter and the media, on the day prior to the closure.
Please ensure that the school has 2 up-to-date mobile phone numbers for this purpose.

- On days of Total Fire Ban parents are required to notify the school by phone if children are going to be absent.
- On days of Total Fire Ban, fire shutters will be lowered at the start of the day (Operation of fire shutters will be checked each Friday morning).
- The school has a documented Emergency Management Plan that has been approved by the Department of Early Childhood Development and the School Council.
- Parents are encouraged to have personal family bushfire plans developed and act early.

IF A FIRE BREAKS OUT
- The school will put into effect the Emergency Management Plan.

EVACUATION
- Parents are not to come to the school to collect students if an evacuation to our ‘Shelter In Place’ (multi-purpose room) has occurred. Students will be safer at the school. Once evacuation has occurred parents may be putting the child’s safety at risk if they are removed from the facility.
- When we have been informed that the situation is safe, students may be collected from either of the entry doors to the facility.
- In our ‘Shelter In Place’ - we have NO SPACE FOR EXTRA PEOPLE. The school’s ‘Shelter In Place’ is for students, staff and on-site volunteers ONLY.
- Students will move in an orderly fashion, in roll order, to the facility – the multi-purpose room.
- Class rolls will be marked, students will be given safety lanyards to wear and all areas of the school checked to ensure all people are evacuated.
- If evacuation to the school’s ‘Shelter In Place’ occurs close to dismissal times, students will be held at the school and dismissed only when it is safe to do so.

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• We will be directed by the authorities if evacuation beyond the school is found to be necessary. If an off-site evacuation is necessary the students will be walked to our designated assembly area – the Alma Treloar Reserve.
• A notice will be placed on the front door of the school informing parents of the location of the students. Contact mobile numbers will also be detailed on the notice.
• Teachers will remain with students at the evacuation area.

Note:
Evacuation from the school is a VERY unlikely option and will only occur well in advance of fire threat and only when it is safe to evacuate.

DISCHARGE OF STUDENTS

When considered safe, students will be discharged into the care of parent or guardian ONLY.

If parents wish to nominate another person to collect their child, written permission must be provided to the school, giving full details of that person. This will be kept on record at the school.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO ENSURE THE SCHOOL IS AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE

• Have developed a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which has been approved by the appropriate authorities
• Have practised our Fire Drill and evacuation routes
• Have a perimeter sprinkler system with an independent water supply for the roof of the school’s ‘Shelter In Place’, and fire shutters for the windows and a hose reel within the ‘Shelter In Place’.
• Have provided drinking water in the event that water supplies are cut off
• Have purchased a special hose that attaches to the sprinkler pump, which can be used inside or outside if the mains water is off
• Have provided emergency lighting for the ‘Shelter In Place’
• Have ensured medications are available for those students who normally receive them, should we need to use the ‘Shelter In Place’
• Have ensured that the school bus driver has a procedure to follow should a situation arise after he has left the school

Hats
Children are required to wear a broad brimmed school hat during terms one and terms four. Student in the playground without a hat will be required to spend the recess or lunch break under the under covered area.

Whilst waiting for the school bus, second bus travellers will now be required to wear a hat. It will be useful if children can bring a suitable hat from home that they are able to leave in their school bag for this purpose. No hat will require children to remain under the under covered area whilst waiting for the second bus.

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Bus Travellers
All students who travel on the FIRST bus (Woori Yallock Road loop) to school are required to play in the under covered area between breakfast club and the breezeway until 8.45AM when a staff member is on yard duty. Playing in this designated area will ensure student safety for the 15 minutes prior to the designated yard duty time.

Chicken Pox
Sorry to be the bearer of such news but it is necessary to advise the school community that we have a few students who have contracted chicken pox.

Apologies for the HUGE amount of information and reminders in the newsletter! This newsletter is definitely a “two cuppa” read!!

Warm Regards
Darrelyn
Student Charges 2015

A very big thank you to all those parents who organised their children’s student charges for 2014 before school commenced for students last Friday.

Student Supplies
Student supplies have been all delivered to the classrooms again this year.

THANKS

A huge thank you to the Education Support Staff for all your hard work sorting and delivering the supplies to the classrooms. It was a big job and your support was irreplaceable.

This means that all students have the same items and by putting them straight in the classroom it has helped reduce the costs for you.

Items Parents Need to Supply –

ART SMOCKS &
A SHARE/LIBRARY BAG

The only items parents need to supply are an Art smock, (an old shirt or T-Shirt is fine), for every child and SHARE/Library bag for ALL Grade 1 & Grade 2 students, last year’s is okay.

MEDICATIONS

Sometimes your children may require medication during school hours. If this is the case we require you to fill in a form with the child’s name, grade, dose and name of medication and time to be administered. Also the dates this medication is to be given.

A copy of this form is enclosed.

Please hand ALL medications into the Office.

ASTHMA & ALLERGY SUFFERS

If your child suffers with asthma or has an allergy that requires medication, please make sure the Office has a supply of the medication with an in date expiry date.

Asthma and Allergy Plans

Next week, if your child has an allergy or suffers with asthma, they should bring home a form to fill in regarding an individual treatment plan if they have an unexpected severe attack.

Please discuss these forms with your doctor and return them to the school as soon as possible.

If your child requires any medication for allergies e.g., Claratyne or Zyrtec this treatment must be signed by the doctor.
Anaphylaxis

For some reason allergies in children are on the rise.

At this school we do have children with allergies. A couple of our students are highly allergic to peanuts and they do have an epipen for treatment of this condition,

We ask that all parents talk to their children about sharing food etc. as this could be life threatening to the children concerned.

The main allergies are PEANUTS, eggs, kiwi fruit, cow’s milk and cheese.

Personal Details

THIS COULD AFFECT YOUR CHILD’S WELLBEING!

Every year we update our student details files so we have all the correct contact numbers for parents and emergency contacts.

These files were sent home last week. The file contains 4-5 pages per student so please take the time to check ALL details very carefully and return to school as soon as possible.

A huge thank you to those parents who have returned their details so quickly. We have had a really good response!

To those parents who haven’t returned them please fill them out tonight and return them ASAP

Changes Over the Year

If you change your place of employment or mobile phone number etc. during the year please contact the Office straight away so we can update your child's records.

REMINDER

Students are not to enter the school buildings before 9.00am.

PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS & INCURSIONS ETC.

DON’T LET YOUR CHILDREN MISS OUT!!!!

To prevent your child missing out on an incursion or excursion, please make sure ALL payments are made by the due date, which is usually the day before the event (unless otherwise specified) so money can be processed and permission forms returned to the teachers.

Children will not be attending these activities if permission forms and money are not returned by the due date.
SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year’s school photos will be taken on Monday, February 16th commencing at 9.00am SHARP.

Personalised envelopes were sent home this week. Spare forms are available at the Office if your child did not receive one.

All photo envelopes are to be returned to school Friday February 13th. No envelopes will be accepted at the Office on photo day.

Internet Payment - Free photo
Parents are welcome to choose and pay for their child’s photos on the internet. You will receive a FREE PHOTO if you order online. We ask that you still return your child’s envelope to the Office with the receipt number on it.

Family Portraits
Family portraits are available again this year for children attending the school.

Other packs are available.
Envelopes are available at the Office.

Family Discounts
Discounts for families with 3 or more children are available again this year. A discount voucher must be attached to your family’s envelopes.

These discount vouchers are available at the Office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following students and staff a very Happy Birthday.

Students:
Darcy Langhorne
Mitchell Blackwell
Samual Camm
Zakk Urquiola
Jasmine Knight

Staff:
Ash Bourke
Deirdre Pollard

BOOK CLUB

Welcome back!

Issue 1 has now been distributed to all students.

Orders are due back to school on Monday February 16th.

PAYMENT OF ORDERS
If you are ordering for more than one child or from different Clubs, could you please fill in ONE CREDIT SLIP and write ONE CHEQUE for the total order.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED!
Out of School Hours

Welcome back to OSHC, we hope you had a great break. We are very excited to be back and it is great to see the children again.

This year the program will be staffed by me, Janine McLellan, Deidre Pollard and Kelly Stovold will join us once a fortnight on a Friday.

We will run our activity programs again this year. If you have any concerns or questions regarding OSHC please feel free to contact us on the numbers listed below or leave a message at the Office and we will contact you.

To Contact O.S.H.C.

call the School Office on 5968 8017 between 8.30am and 4.30pm
or ring 0408 566 957
or 5968 0256 at all other times.

Enrolment Forms
For 2015 are available at the office or Out of School Hours Care

Breakfast Club

Breaky Club is up and running for 2015
Gayle Morison will be looking after Breaky Club again this year.

Please support our

Breaky Club!

A nourishing breakfast for the students greatly increases their learning ability.

We would also love some help each morning. If you could give us a hand once a week, or once a fortnight please contact Gayle or the Office.

It’s Cool To Be At School!

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Foundation Students Settled Straight In!

We had so many children excited to be back at school last Friday. Even though our new Foundation students were very excited, they settled right into the school routines.

Thank you to our wonderful Grade 6 buddies who are looking after the Fundation students during recess and lunchtime. The start of a very special friendship! The children have already attended Art, Library, Music and PE Classes.

PLEASE HELP: The foundation classes are in need of Metal tin lids (the big milo or coffee tins) for one of our exciting activities. If you have any you would like to donate please hand them into the office or to Sarah Wintle or Sam Ladner. Thank you.

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Welcome back to school to all our students and their families for 2015. PFA has lots of fun and exciting things planned for this year including Choc or Popcorn / Drink Recess Breaks each term, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall, our Annual Carnival...... just to mention a few things.

Who are the PFA and what do we do????
We are a group of parents, friends and grandparents who all volunteer our time to help raise money for the students at our school. We provide educational, artistic and sporting equipment for the students. All funds we raise directly benefits the children in the school. In the past we have been able to purchase “goalposts” for the school oval, books for the library, interactive whiteboards for the classrooms, gates for fences to stop balls rolling onto the road, a fitness track, an upgrade for our two playground areas, a new BBQ trailer, contribute to a new trailer for the RACV Energy Challenge, a new storage shed for the oval, colourful educational mats for the Foundation, 1, 2 grades, Grade 6 Graduation items, new backboards for the basketball court, portable netball rings & netballs, the Changeable Sign on Belgrave – Gembrook Road, the massive Roplay Ball, portable Soccer Goals, class sets of ipads for the grade 3 & 4’s .... amongst other things.

This year our aim is to raise funds towards several ideas which have been put forward by our Student Representative Council. Further ideas will be put forward by the SRC during the year, investigated by the School, costed and prioritized. Any ideas put forward by the SRC are presented to the Principal by the students at a monthly SRC meeting.

We will be having a PFA Meeting for all Parents, Friends and Grandparents soon. Keep an eye out on our Newsletter Page for the upcoming date. **Everyone is welcome.** Toddlers or kinder kids are welcome to come with you, as we always have pencils, coloring pages, toys etc to keep them busy too. **We need lots of help** planning and organizing our fundraising year. We are a very friendly informal group who all have our kids and their fantastic Schools best interests at heart.
Canteen Roster

Monday 11.02.2013      Open
Tuesday 12.02.2013     CLOSED
Wednesday 13.02.2013   Open
Thursday 14.02.2013    Open
Friday  15.02.2013     Open

Canteen Duty
commences
at 10.30am and runs
until approximately
2.00 – 2.30pm.

Canteen News

Welcome to 2015!
The following items are out of stock until further notice.

- Slushies

The Kenman large Raspberry licorice straps have been discontinued and are no longer available on
the menu.

Help Required for 2015

If you can help with Canteen Duty this year, please fill in the
return slip in this newsletter with your preferred days and
frequency.

Help for 2015

13.02.2015      Open
27.02.2015
13.03.2015
27.03.2015

It is time again to look for helpers for Sick Bay Duty. Let's see if this year we can cover all
fortnights.

We ask that you strip the beds and make them up Friday afternoon and then return the washed linen
sometime within the next week.

Please fill in the slip enclosed in this newsletter if you can assist this year with making the beds and
washing the linen.

Help for 2015

IT’S NOT GREAT TO BE LATE!

Mail Order Eftpos Credit Payment

Cardholder’s Name: ..............................................................

Card Type: □ Bankcard □ Mastercard □ Visa

Card Number: □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□

Expiry Date: □□/□□

Amount to be Debited: $□□□.□□

Payment for: ........................................................................

Cardholder’s Signature: ........................................... Date: ……/…../……

Please Note: $10.00 minimum

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ABSENCE NOTE

Name of Student: .................................................................

Date of Absence: ……/……/……. to ……/……/……

Name of Grade Teacher: ........................................................

Reason for Absence:

☐ Family Fire Plan Activation ☐ Medical Appointment
☐ Illness ☐ Dental Appointment
☐ Head Lice ☐ Religious Event
☐ Holiday ☐ Hospital Admission
☐ Educational Program
☐ Other - Please specify ..........................................................

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ...........................................

Date: ……/……/……

It is the parent’s responsibility to inform the school of the reason for a student’s absence. A satisfactory reason must be given; relevant legislation ‘The Education & Training Reform Act 2006’

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RETURN SLIP
SICK BAY HELPERS WANTED

Dear Parents,
If you are willing to help the school by stripping the beds, making them and washing the linen from the Sick Bay on a Friday and returning the linen the next week, please complete this slip so that we can make up a roster for the year.

I am willing to be on the Sick Bay Roster.

Name: ....................................................

Phone: ...........................................

Eldest Child: ...........................................

Grade: ..............

RETURN SLIP
CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

Dear Parents,
If you are willing to go on the roster to help in the Canteen between 10.30am and 2.00pm please fill in this form and return it to school.

I am able to help in the Canteen on a roster basis.

Name: ....................................................

Phone: ...........................................

Eldest Child: ...........................................

Grade: ...........

Days which suit me are: please circle below

Monday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

I am willing to be rostered: please circle below

Once a week  Once a month  Will discuss it

Need to speak to our Canteen Manager?
Please phone the school

10.30am and 2.00pm
Cockatoo Neighbourhood House runs “CIRCUS SKILLS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN” ON Mondays 4.30pm-5.30pm. The fun workshops are great to help to improve the self-esteem, coordination and social skills of your child. Cost of the workshops are $30 for 6 weeks.

Cooking workshops for children and their parents “LET’S COOK TOGETHER” are held on 25 February and 11 March 4.30pm. The workshops are funded by Cardinia Shire and are free. You will learn how to make beautiful salads, Vietnamese rice paper rolls and more.

For any information please contact Cockatoo Neighbourhood House on 5968 9031 or email cnhouse@iinet.net.au
EASTERN DANDENONG RANGES FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15th AT ALMA TRELOAR RESERVE, COCKATOO
2 – 10 McBride Street, Cockatoo

12 Noon – 4PM

A memorial gathering remembering Ash Wednesday 1983 - with great respect and looking to the future.

- Bring your own picnic, chairs and games and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Alma Treloar Reserve with family and friends.

- Provisions made to write messages/memories to be attached to the security fence around the old Kinder. These will be kept as part of the local history and displayed.

- Plans of the new Memorial Building will be available to view.

This community event is an initiative of SCUD (Supporting Cockatoo Community Development) and EDRA (Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association Inc).

EVENT WILL NOT RUN IF THE DAY IS DECLARED EXTREME OR CODE RED
For more information, please contact Max Bennetts on 5968 1781 or Owen Deppeler on 5968 9678 or 0400 543 626
2XL

Mentoring Program

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD

2XL is a mentoring program for children in grades 2-6 to enhance developmental abilities, social skills, self confidence and resilience.

We are looking for caring individuals to mentor selected students on a weekly basis at St Luke's Cockatoo.

Mentor Information Evening
7pm, Thursday 12th February, 2015
@ St Luke's Cockatoo
McBride Street, Cockatoo
light supper provided

Make a difference in a child's life.

This evening is obligation free.
Come and see if you are interested in participating in this great opportunity.

For more information:
5968 8459
lynda.prout@echo.org.au

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