



BE KIND, WORK HARD,  
BOUNCE BACK

*Dream Big*

# Newsletter



Issue 30 6th October 2023  
We are a Child Safe School

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### WELCOME TO TERM FOUR

Welcome to Term Four. This is the term of exams, graduations, celebrations, hellos (to our 2024 preps) and goodbyes (to our Year 12s). It is also the term of hats, sunscreen (hopefully needed soon!) and hypervigilance for snakes! It is a term of remembering the year and planning for the future.

It is the term to establish our student leadership team for 2024 and recognise the efforts of our great leaders of this year. It is the term of opportunities, memories and milestones...bring it on!



### STAFFING NEWS

Here is an update on the staffing front...



- We unfortunately no longer have the services of Kellie Laverty this term. During her time at the school she was pivotal in getting Breakfast Club up and going and made a real difference in the Year 7/8 classes. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours.
- For the first three weeks we have Steph and Lochie joining us as student teachers from Deakin Uni. Steph's methods are PE/Maths and Lochie's methods are PE/Humanities. It is fantastic to have student-teachers venture up this way!
- We have readvertised 2 ES positions (all tagged to specific students).

### INTER-GEN PROJECT

We have an action-packed term to look forward to with lots of activities and get togethers.

Below is a list of some of the upcoming events:

- |                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Piano students                 | Tuesday 10th October (pm) |
| Bowling (GR 5/6)               | Wednesday 18th October    |
| Rupanyup Museum visit (YR 7/8) | Monday 23rd October       |
| Day @ Rainbow Lake             | Tuesday 31st October      |

On the ABC (ABC iview) at the moment you can watch the second series of Old People's Home for Teenagers...well worth a watch!



## Calendar

### OCTOBER

- Week 2**  
**Tues 10th** Parent Teacher Interviews  
**Thurs 12th** Golf trip to Nhill (after school)
- Week 3**  
**Tues 17th** **RAINBOW SHOW**  
**No School**
- Week 4**  
**Tues 24th** English Exam  
**Thurs 26th** Physical Education Exam  
**Fri 27th** Biology Exam
- Week 5**  
**Mon 30th** Psychology Exam  
**Tues 31st** Economics Exam
- NOVEMBER**  
**Wed 1st** M Methods 1 Exam  
 Business Man. Exam  
**Thur 2nd** M Methods 2 Exam  
 Proactivity Incursion  
**Fri 3rd** HHD Exam
- Week 6**  
**Mon 6th** P/1/2 Swan Hill trip  
 Grade 2 Sleepover  
 Ag & Hort Exam



Don't forget HATS are required Term 4

New hats are available from the office for \$10

## Meeting Dates

### School Council

9th October 2023

### Parents and Friends

General Meeting TBA

Webex available 26502576368

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL DATES FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

We have included a list of dates for the last days of school for students, Year 10/11 schedule and our Step up program. Please read the requirements for early exit very carefully.



### BUILDING WORKS TAKE #2 – UPDATE 18

- During the holidays we had Telstra put in the new internet cables in the MPB ready for relocation of the Comms equipment.
- Dion Paech came in to install a wireless hub between the junior building and the canteen to ensure that when we move over to the hall we will have reliable connection.
- Aaron Glen installed some new locks in the canteen for secure storage.
- There were a number of meetings to finalise the location of the CFA water tanks (that will now go near the bus loop as they need to be on a main road).
- We had a meeting on Wednesday 4th October to outline the fact that the tender process should commence next week.
- Agostino Maio from the VSBA will link in with our School Council meeting this upcoming Monday to give an update. He will also be visiting the site next Wednesday.
- We are now (much to our frustration) looking at an early January start!

### UNIFORM

Here is a recap of our summer uniform (although the weather most of this week has been anything but "Summery"!

- Shorts and skorts are navy blue in colour and must not be bike shorts, footy shorts or Lycra material.
- Shorts/skorts also need to be of an appropriate length and cut for school uniform (if this is not the case families will be contacted).
- Red or navy blue broad brim hats are compulsory out in the yard during term 4 - The school hat is the preferred option.
- Black shoes are also required.

### RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

The main focus for Rainbow Grab 'n' Go at the start of this term is to plan what they will be selling at the upcoming Market Day on Saturday 28th October.

Depending on the weather we may try out the new Slushie machine. The team is hoping to sell their little pancakes and will also have their famous caramel slice and baby sausage rolls on offer too!



### GWR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Breanna Francis and Maggie Fisher who competed in the GWR Athletics this week. Maggie competed in the Javelin and Breanna came 4th in the 100m Sprint.

Congratulations!



**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN:**

**To keep students safe, they are to ONLY cross at the school crossing.**



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## SWPBS News

This term our SWPBS team will be unveiling some exciting new aspects of School Wide Positive Behaviour. This includes “Jumpy’s Wonder Emporium”, where students will be able to spend the buckaroos that they have been earning over the past term. The shop will be open once a week, and will contain some small fun items, as well as bigger items or experiences that students will be able to save up their buckaroos for, as all points earned will roll over into the new year.



## Sailing Camp

Mr Glover and Miss Wizz would like to thank the Year 9/10 class for displaying all of our school values on camp.

**Work Hard** - This camp was mostly organised by the students, including the meals. They shopped and cooked for themselves, kept their cabins organised and worked at developing their sailing skills.

**Be Kind** - With the bus breaking down, the students recognised the challenges that their teachers were facing and behaved accordingly - they rolled with the changes, showed gratitude and even told us that a highlight was the experiences they had because of the breakdown - trains, taxis, and a shiny new hire bus (we wanted to bring it home!)

**Bounce Back** - The sailing on the first day was rough due to a weather change, and the students came back on Wednesday feeling a bit apprehensive. However, they all got back in the boats and by the end of day 3 they were all able to sail quite well, even if some were still nervous. Excellent resilience!

Mr Glover and Miss Wizz also appreciate the help we got from Caitlin, Steph and Paige Glover, and Dawn and Peter Wisbey that allowed us to deal more easily with our logistical nightmare!

**Also a big thank you to Geelong Mobile Mechanic for saving the day!**

## Celebrating Consistency

Congratulations to our students who have consistently displayed positive behaviours and character strengths.

**Emma Saul**  
**Jayde Kajewski**  
**Annika Petschel**



## Meetings and Events

**SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thursday  
lunchtimes

**Senior SRC Meeting:** Tues 10th Oct

**Junior SRC Meeting:** TBA

**Whole School Forum:** Friday 13th  
Oct

## Upcoming Casual Days

**TBA**

# BOOK CLUB



Issue 7  
Due 18 October 2023



Supervision at school begins at **8.30am**, please ensure that your children are not here before then, unless prior arrangements have been made.



## Finishing Dates 2023

Year 12 - Last day - Thur 19th October  
Year 10/11 - Exams - 13th-16th November  
Year 10/11 - Step Up - 20th-22nd November  
Year 11 - Last day - Fri 24th November  
Year 10 - Last day - Fri 1st December

**Early Exit** - From Fri 27th October

Requirements:

For Yr 10 & 11 students

- Post compulsory work experience/work placement – term 4 form must be signed by all teachers that all set work has been completed to an appropriate standard
- Letter from employer
- Work experience/work placement form filled in
- Proviso – **MUST** return to school for exams & Step Up program

# Rainbow Show Tuesday 17th October No School



## ICY POLES

The Junior SRC will be selling Icy Poles at lunchtimes on **Thursdays** for 50 cents

## Student Absences

Please remember to inform the school if your child is away from school for any reason by either using Compass or phoning the office on **53951063**

# Congratulations!

On the ALF Grand Final weekend our very own Miss Schumann tied the knot. Congratulations Elly & Ben. The school community wish you both the best.



# READING AWARDS

50 nights



Bella

175 nights



Adalyn

200 nights



Lilah

## Photography Elective



Our photography students learning the art of using light and shadow.



## CANTEEN

Hot Dogs \$3      Dim Sims \$1.50

Tomato, BBQ and Soy sauce available.

### MONDAY

Canteen open  
Bakery  
Hot Dogs  
Dim Sims  
Heated up lunches  
(junior school)

### WEDNESDAY

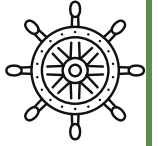
Hot Dogs  
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### FRIDAY

Canteen Open  
Bakery  
Hot Dogs  
Dim Sims  
Heated up lunches  
(junior school)



# Sailing Camp Report



## Day 1:

On the first day we left school at about 9am. We drove to Ballarat where we stopped for lunch at KFC and McDonalds. Once we had drove the rest of the way, we arrived at Barwon River side caravan park. We settled into our cabins and explored around for a bit. There was a dinosaur park and half basketball court. We went shopping for the food for the next day and for our own cabins. We had a BBQ for tea, with movies or games in our cabins before bed.

## Day 2:

On the second day we got up and ready for our fist day of sailing. When we got to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club we met the instructors Lincoln and Dave. We went up to a room and were taught the different jobs when sailing. The skipper steers the boat, crew one controls the main sail and crew two controls the jib sail. We went down and got the boats all set up. We set the sails up before heading back for lunch. After we ate, we went to get life jackets and went back to the boats and walked them into the water. We set off one at a time and nearly all the boats except one were sailing before it got too windy for the smaller boats, so they were brought back in. Once we put our life jackets back, we got on the bus and started heading to Torquay. However, we never got there because the bus broke down. We ended up stuck at a petrol station for a bit before Mr Glover's daughter Paige took us back to the caravan park in groups of 4, in her car. When we got back it was back to exploring the park. For tea that night we made our own tea in our cabins, then it was followed by more movies and games in our cabins.

## Day 3:

On the third day we still didn't have a bus, so we had to get 2 taxis and a maxi cab to get to sailing. It was much calmer, so we got our life jackets on and set the small boats up again. We sailed in almost a figure 8 shaped going around floating markers. We sailed back in for lunch, then went back out again. Once we finished sailing, we walked to the train station and caught a train. Once we got off, we walked for a bit to get to Bounce. We were at Bounce for about 2 hours. By then we had hired a bus and went out to mini golf at Curlewis. We played 18 holes and had burgers.

## Day 4:

On the fourth day we took the hired bus to sailing. We put life jackets on and set up the boats again. We sailed in more of a triangle getting used to the different turns before seeing who could get to one of the instructors' boats first by zig zagging. After lunch we split into 4 groups and went out on the power boats. Each instructor had a boat so 2 groups went at a time. We went out and had a look around further than we went when we were in the small boats. After sailing had finished, we walked to a shopping centre for a couple hours of shopping. By the time we had finished we had our bus back again. We went to the caravan park again before going down High Street to get food. After we ate, we went on a ghost tour at the old Geelong gaol. We had a guide and we walked around inside. We were told lots of interesting stories about prisoners that had been held there and the girl's school that had run for a bit at the same time. When we got back to the caravan park some started to pack up to leave for the next day.

## Day 5:

On the final day we woke up, had breakfast, and packed up. Once the trailer was packed and we were all ready we set off for home. We stopped in Horsham for lunch, and we continued home. Once we got back to school, we had a gratitude circle for what was a challenge, what we enjoyed and what we were grateful for. We cleaned the bus out and got all our stuff and that was the end of our camp.

The year 9/10 class would like to give a massive thank you to Miss Wizz's parents for lending her a car and Steph, Caitlyn and Paige Glover for helping us as well.

We would also like to thank Miss Wizz and Mr Glover for taking us.

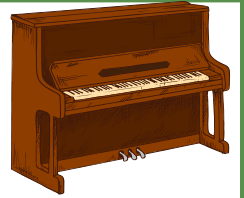


# Sailing Camp Photos





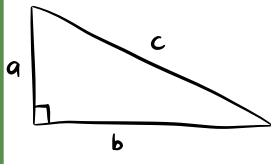
# Piano Exams in Mildura



From Mrs Staples

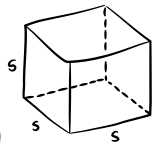
The results of the piano exams, held in the last week of term in Mildura, have come through and everyone passed very well! Great job! As appeared in the last newsletter, Inara Petschel competed Preparatory, Giaan and Amaya Eckermann - Preliminary, Annika Petschel - Grade One and Edi Stasinowsky - Grade Two. Later in the year Lily Saul will also be doing Grade Three at Hawkesdale.

Congratulations to all these students for their extra efforts and willingness to put in the (very) hard yards necessary to achieve these levels. Well done!



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

## Maths Competition



$$V = s^3$$

Way back at the beginning of August, some students from Years 3 - 10 elected to take part in the Australian Maths trust annual competition. This competition has been running for many years, in fact Mrs Staples can even remember participating when she was at school and we won't say how long ago that was! These students are all to be commended for their enthusiasm and willingness to try something beyond the usual activities of the school day. Well done everyone.

Absent on Monday - Annika Petschel for Participation and - Aiden Preston for Credit.

Distinction certificates are awarded to the top 20% of students in the region.



**Distinction** - Edison & Zander



**Credit** - Oscar, Baxter, Cooper, Wiliam, Giaan & Amaya



**Proficiency** - Kayden, Amelie, Ruby, Eliza, Bella, Harry, Adalyn, Lilah & Haylee



**Participation** - Faith, Phoebe, Holly, Breanna, Addison, Taylor, Emma & Emmi-Lee





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Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

All Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held at Rainbow P-12 College on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 1:00pm until 6:00pm.

We are continuing with the Compass booking system for this semester. Instructions on how to do this on your mobile device are attached. If you are having any issues, please call the College and we can assist you in ensuring you make the correct bookings.

If your senior student has the same teacher for more than one class, you can utilise the booking for one subject to also discuss other subjects. You can also double book a teacher if you require more than 10 minutes.

We will have all teachers in classrooms or offices as we have previously done. The map and room allocation list will show where each teacher will be, and signs will be put up around the school on the day.

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can call the College and make appointments with the relevant teachers for another time.

At the College we stress that face to face interviews is the best form of communication but if you are unable to make the interview timeslots in person, please fill out the form below to have your interview via phone call. Please note you will still have to book via Compass.

Please note that the following staff will not be available for interviews due to other commitments:

- Mr Malcom Smith

Yours sincerely,

**Elly Schumann**

Parent/Teacher Interview Coordinator

**Colleen Petschel**

Rainbow P-12 College Principal

I will be **unable** to attend the Parent/Teacher interviews face to face and require the replacement of a phone call for my interview bookings.

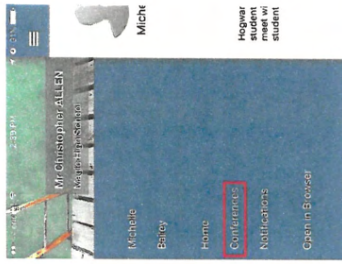
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

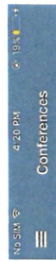
## How to Book an Appointment – Mobile Device

**Step 1:** Log in on the Compass App

**Step 2:** From the homepage click the hamburger menu button at the top left (three horizontal bars) and then select 'Conferences' from the menu that slides open



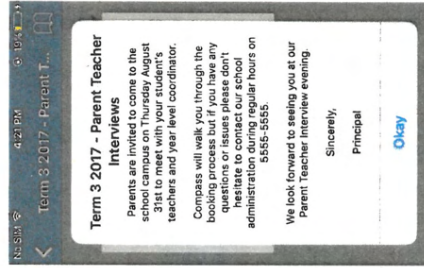
**Step 3:** To start the booking process click on the conference cycle you'd like to book for (Term 3 2021 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews)



**Term 3 2017 - Parent Teacher In...**  
Parents are invited to come to the school site to meet with your student's teachers and year level coordinator. Compass will walk you through the booking process but if you have any questions or need to contact our school administration during regular hours on 5555-5555.

Term 1, 2017

**Step 4:** Read the message that appears as a popup which contains information about the interviews and then click 'Okay' at the bottom to continue.

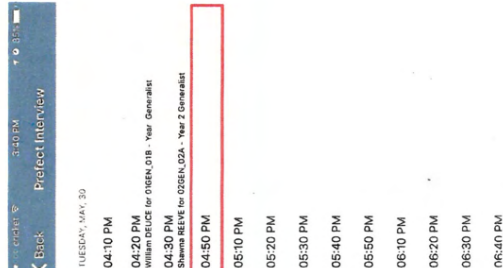


**Step 5:** A list of all the teachers you can book with for your child should appear. Under each teachers name will be the reason for the booking. Teachers who are shown in white have not yet been booked with, and those highlighted in green indicate that you already have a booking with this teacher for this student. Select the name of the teacher you would like to book with

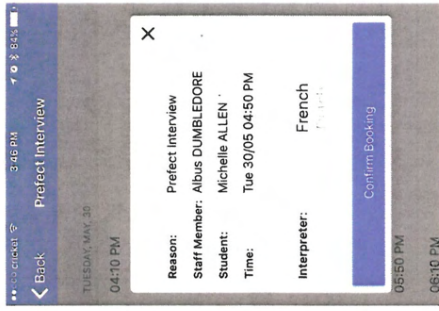


**Step 6:** The next screen will display the available time slots for this teacher. To book in just click an available (white) timeslot, like 4:50 PM in the screenshot below.

Timeslots that you already have a booking for will be highlighted in green.

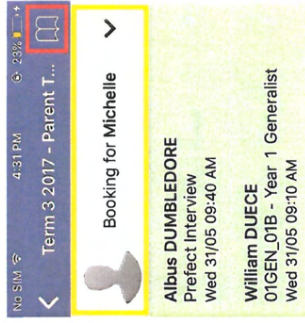


**Step 7:** This will open a booking popup. Here you can confirm the reason, the staff member, which of your students and the timeslot you selected. Once you click 'Confirm Booking' you will see your booking on the schedule in a slightly darker green with the text bolded. Click the 'Back' button at the top left to go back and make more bookings, or review all your bookings.



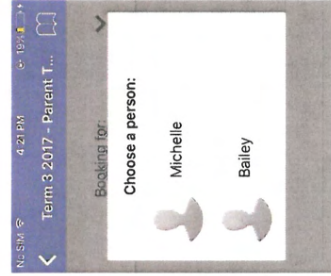
**Step 8:** To see all of your bookings click the little book icon at the top right. This will take you to the 'My Bookings' screen where you can see the times and details for all of the bookings that you've made for this conference cycle.

If you need to cancel a booking you can do so by clicking it from the list and selecting the 'Remove Booking' button.



**If you have more than one child:**

After **Step 4** you will be provided with the screen shown to the right to select which child you would like to book for first.



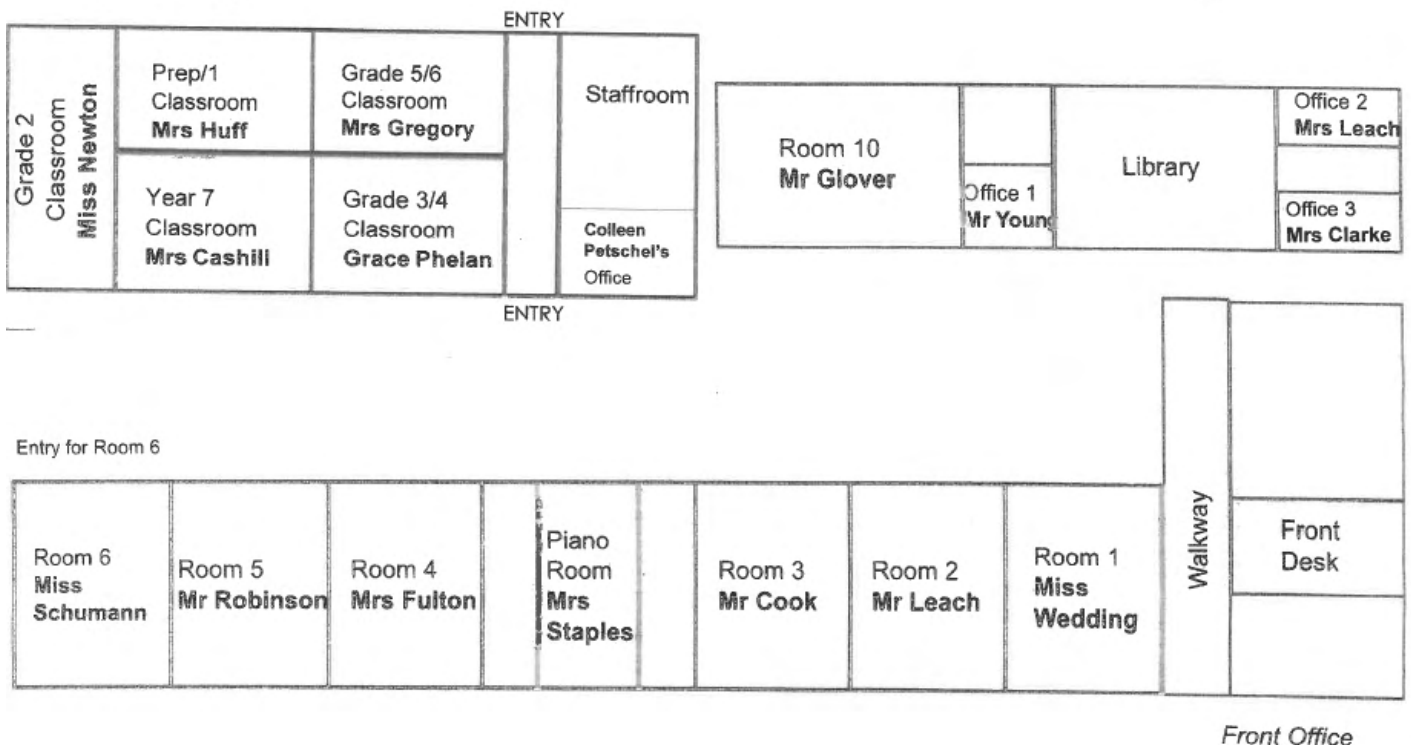
To begin the booking process for your other child/children you can use the dropdown box highlighted in yellow on **Step 8** to switch from one student to another. You can then repeat **Steps 5 to 8**.

# Staff Room Allocations For Parent/Teacher Interviews

Primary Staff	
Valma Gregory	Grade 5/6 Classroom
Grace Phelan	Grade 3/4 Classroom
Stephanie Newton	Grade 2 Area (end of Junior Building)
Veronica Huff	Grade Prep/1 Classroom

Secondary Staff	
Colleen Petschel	Colleen Petschel's Office (Junior Building)
Ella Clarke	Office 3 (in the Library Area)
Emily Cashill	Year 7 Room (Room 13 – Junior Building)
Elly Schumann	Room 6
Murray Robinson	Room 5
Maira Fulton	Room 4
Elisabeth Staples	Piano Room
Peter Cook	Room 3
Stephen Leach	Room 2
Nadia Wedding	Room 1
Steven Glover	Room 10
David Young	Office 1 (in the Library area)
Nicole Leach	Office 2 (in the Library Area)

## Junior Building



# School for Student Leadership Raffle

*Friday the 13th of October*

**We are selling tickets!**

**\$2 a ticket**

**Outside Martin Keller's Newsagency**

**(there will also be tickets available at the Bow Bakery Rainbow)**



**All money goes toward firepits  
for the Rainbow Lake!**

Prizes include:

1st

- \$50 Bow Bakery voucher
- \$50 Clugston Butcher voucher

2nd

- Torch from Martin Keller's Newsagency
- Pack of cards designed by Jacinta Cocks

**Prizes to be collected from Rainbow P-12 College at the Front Office after we  
draw on Monday 16th**

Early Help  
Family  
Services

# We are here to help.



Early Help provides short term support to parents and other important adults in children's lives that can strengthen their capacity to provide safe and nurturing environments.

Are you experiencing overwhelming changes, stress or isolation?

If so, we are here to help.

Early Help practitioners can provide support in many areas:

- Improve quality of parent child interactions.
- Increase parental/carer confidence to respond positively to parenting challenges.
- Increased awareness by parents/carer self-care and wellbeing.

- Improved participation of children in MCHN, kindergarten, and school
- Increased social connection of parents/carers and children.
- Assisting referrals into paediatric, speech therapy, OT & counselling services.

Early Help practitioners are a great support to have someone to work with your family and assist with any early concerns you and your family may have, so you don't have to do it on your own.

### Get in touch

T 03 5362 4000

E [earlyhelp@vt.uniting.org](mailto:earlyhelp@vt.uniting.org)

## Uniting

**Uniting Early Help** will be attending Rainbow P12 College on the following dates, please get in touch if you would like to speak to the visiting practitioner or alternatively call Esther to book an appointment on 0448 562 184.

**Tuesday 10th October**

**Tuesday 24th October**

# 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

**Horsham, VIC**

Scan to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



**Interpreters available upon request**



24 and 25 October 2023  
9.30am - 2.30pm



Horsham Golf Club  
304 Golf Course Road  
Haven  
Horsham 3400  
Victoria

**Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided**

### During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:

[www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au)

Contact: [ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:ccorrigan@positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:  
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