EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

At the end of each term, I ask staff to reflect on their many achievements throughout the last term. The same should be said for the students. Ask your child or children to reflect upon their achievements for Term 3. You’ll be quite surprised as to how many discussion points they come up with!

SAFE HOLIDAYS

I wish all families a safe September holidays. Come back refreshed and ready for Term 4. Thank you for the support that many of you give towards our wonderful school.
ART NEWS

Congratulations to the following Grade 3 - 6 art students who have their wonderful “Who’s Who” portraits displayed at the Geelong Art Gallery for the next three weeks:

**Grade 5/6**

**Grade 3/4**

Entry to the Gallery is free and voting forms for the “People’s Choice Award” can be collected at the Gallery Reception. I encourage all families to visit Geelong Gallery to support our Fyans Park art students and vote for their favourite portrait.

Jasmine W (3/4O) had her portrait featured in The Geelong Advertiser on Tuesday 16th September. Look out for more portraits in the paper next Tuesday, 23rd September.

Anne Morell
Visual Arts Teacher

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**Asking for Donations**
The Grade 3/4 students are planning some Inquiry learning tasks for next term and the activities involve painting and knitting. The teachers and students are asking for donations of the following items to assist with the tasks:

- Outdoor paint in bright colours (eg. Sample paint pots or left over paint)
- Old paint brushes
- Wool
- Knitting needles

We appreciate any donations that you can provide us with and look forward to sharing our creations with you.

Regards,
The 3/4 teachers

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**HELP WANTED**
On Tuesday 16th September between 8.30 & 9.00am during school drop off, my white Hyundai was parked in the first parking bay opposite the ELC in Camden Road. The entire passenger side was scraped by an unknown car and they didn’t leave any contact details. If you have any information, would you please contact me on 0405238018.

Any help would be much appreciated.

Thank you,
Melissa Kozaczek

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS**

- If you ride a bike or walk 3 times a week you decrease your chance of heart attack by 30%. Remember your florescent vest and lights for your visibility in traffic. Please go to [http://bikesafe.com.au](http://bikesafe.com.au) for cycling safety in and around Geelong.
CALLING GRADE 1 OR 2 BASKETBALLERS!

We are looking for any students from Grade 1 or 2 interested in playing social basketball. We had three teams this term but we are losing a few to cricket and we are looking to fill our brand new basketball tops!

YMCA Newtown offer social basketball on Wednesdays from 4:15pm. Any students from Grade 1 or Grade 2 interested in playing basketball in Term 4, please contact Nerida Povey on 0431 521 070.

Welcome to the 2014-15 Cricket Season!

The Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club MILO in2CRICKET (age 5 to 10) program will start on Friday 07/11/14 at 5pm. The season will be 10 weeks in total - six Friday nights from 07/11 to 12/12/14, the Christmas/New Year break, then 4 Friday nights from 06/02 to 27/02/15. The cost is $70 which includes a participant backpack including shirt, hat, bat, ball and bottle. Please register online via the MyCricket website: http://www.in2cricket.com.au/ Please pay online via the N&CCC website: http://www.two-blues.com.au/members-area/payments/ If too old for MILO, details of the junior program at N&CCC, starting with Under 11, are available at: http://www.two-blues.com.au/members-area/juniors/ If not quite ready for Under 11, you might also consider: http://www.t20blast.com.au/

I look forward to you joining me at Queen’s Park this year.

For more information, please contact Tony Hedley : 0419 762 759
Parent Information Session

David Price

Fyans Park Primary School is excited to offer a parent information session to members of the school community with David Price.

David has lead national projects in education in the UK. The focus of his work is about finding innovative ways to engage learners through democratic and relevant forms of education. In June 2008, he was awarded the O.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen, for services to education. He has given keynote presentations all over the world and we are fortunate to have him visit Geelong and offer practical strategies on how parents can be more active in their child’s learning.

Tuesday October 14th
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Fyans Park Primary School, Geelong

RSVP: Friday 19th September
at [http://goo.gl/S7EsCJ](http://goo.gl/S7EsCJ)
or through the QR Code

“With an engaging wit and clear mind David Price casts a penetrating light on how the new dynamics of digital culture are transforming not only how we work and play but how we think, feel and learn.”
– Sir Ken Robinson, (world leading expert on education and creativity).
Hi Families,

I would like to again thank you all for your contributions to our fundraiser for the Smith Family Back2School program. I can formally announce that we raised $322.05, which is dollar matched by tCAF which makes our contribution an awesome amount of $644.10!

Over the past 6 weeks we have had Jess from Danceforce school of dance visit us and do a few dances with us. The children got their groove on and most of the children enjoyed the dancing which is great.

Holiday Club bookings for Kardinia I.C is now open and I am happy to announce that I will be co-ordinating there these holidays, so I look forward to seeing many of your smiling faces. These holidays we are off to the movies to see Boxtrolls and to an indoor play centre in Ocean Grove. The program is attached so have a look at what activities you would like to do and come and join us for some fun.

There are available spots every day before and after school so don’t hesitate to book your children in to come and have some fun with us. Call me on 0452 247 130 if you have any enquiries, I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have or come on in and see me either before or after school to see what we get up to in OSHC. Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie, Lynne & Avnika
Camp Australia (Kardinia International School OSHC) Holiday Club
PO Box 17 Geelong VIC 3220
0466458925 (08:00-18:00)

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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.

### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

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**Monday 22nd September**

- **"Tunnel Ball" Ice Breakers**
- Gymnastics: Bubbles
- Making Cookies & Winda
- Colouring Competition
- Y Daily News: Read All About It
- Time To Chill Quiet Time

**Tuesday 23rd September**

- **"Beat the heat" Ice Breakers**
- Gymnastics
- Canoes Art
- Y Daily News: Read All About It
- Time To Chill Quiet Time

**Wednesday 24th September**

- **"Loop troop" Ice Breakers**
- Gymnastics
- Tabi Balls
- "I" Daily News Read All About It
- Time To Chill Quiet Time

**Thursday 25th September**

- **"Lunch Order Thursdays optional" Board Games Challenge**
- Book Test
- "J" Daily News: Read All About It
- Time To Chill Quiet Time

**Friday 26th September**

- **"Egg & Splice Race" Ice Breakers**
- Gymnastics
- Swimming Canton
- Tabi Ball Challenge
- "K" Daily News: Read All About It
- Time To Chill Quiet Time

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**YMCA GEEGONG SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**REGISTRATIONS & BOOKINGS**

Bookings and registrations must be submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to each program. Please see below.

**PROGRAM BOOKINGS OPEN:** Monday August 18th 2014

**PROGRAM BOOKINGS CLOSE:** Monday September 8th 2014

**YOU WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING BOOKINGS AFTER THIS TIME.**

**CANCELLATIONS CLOSE:** Monday September 15th 2014

**Extra Charges**

**WHAT TO BRING TO THE PROGRAM**

- Must bring a hat
- Appropriate footwear (runners preferable)
- Healthy morning and afternoon snacks PLUS lunch
- Reusable drink bottle
- OLD CLOTHES for craft activities (e.g. Painting)

**WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted unless parental permission has been obtained. All children are required to have a mobile phone with them throughout the day. Please ensure that any mobiles are not handed over to other children who may use these mobiles.

**ACTIVITIES**

- Children are limited to participate in all activities outlined on the program. Activities on offer include those listed above, as well as several additional activities that are randomly available at all times. Staff will always encourage the participation of all children in all activities, however, no child is forced to participate in an activity they do not wish to. On occasion, children who are extremely reluctant to attend may be encouraged, but not forced.

**YMCA GEEGONG does not provide alternative care on an excision day. Families will be responsible for transporting children to and from the program if children do not participate in excision activities.**

**Please Note:**

- Program activities may alter subject to weather conditions, group size, venue policies and other factors. YMCA will do its very best to ensure all children have an enjoyable experience while attending the program, and will strive to deliver the program as per the brochure to the best of its abilities.

**Cost:** $35.95 per child per day

- Not including ICB and OCB (excision fees)

**ADDITIONAL COSTS - EXCISEION FEES**

- Program Fee: $10.00
- Sports: $5.00
- Other: $5.00

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

- PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN FULL prior to the program. On arrival at the program, an invoice will be issued to parents. Please allow up to 7 days for processing.

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For further information contact KIMBERLEY MAHER.

[Contact Information]

**YMCA GEEGONG SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**PREP - GRADE 5**

**September 22nd - October 3rd 2014**

36 Floreat Ave., Geelong. VIC 3218

**Telephone:** (03) 6223 2114

**YMCA GEEGONG**

[Website]

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**YMCA GEEGONG**

[Location Map]
Spring School Holidays!

Programs in
Belmont, Leopold, Newtown, North Shore
New Venue Boorai Centre Ocean Grove!

Activities include: Movies, Dan the Magic Man, Swimming, Airdrome, Bike Riding, YMCA, Yoga, Wheel’s Day, Face painting, You Yangs, BUPA, Melbourne Aquarium, AFL clinics, Polly Woodside, Potato Shed, Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Science Experiments, Jewellery Making, Sports, Games, Construction and MUCH MORE!!!

Dates: Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October 2014

TIMES: 8:00am to 6:00pm*
*Ocean Grove SHP is open 7am – 6pm

School Holiday Club is a fun educational child care service for children currently attending or enrolled in Primary School aged 5 to 12 years. The School Holiday Program offers a range of activities, experiences and excursions appropriate for primary school aged children, including children with additional needs aged 5 to 12 years.

FEES: Range from $10 - $52 per child per centre based day depending on Child Care Benefit eligibility. Please note excursion/incursion days incur an extra cost. Please call the FAO on 13 61 50 for more information about Child Care Benefit and Child Care Tax Rebate.

TO ENROL & FOR PROGRAM GUIDE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT

Follow the prompts to “ENROL MY CHILD”

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN
BOOK NOW SO TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

For more information please contact
Family Services on 03 5272 4741 or kpont@geelongcity.vic.gov.au