

# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020



## Important dates to remember

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Indigenous Literacy Day

Last day of Term 3  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

## Bank Details

Commonwealth Bank  
Footscray Primary School  
BSB: 063 132  
Account: 10090179  
Please include a reference with  
the student(s)' name.  
EFTPOS available at the office



Hello families, apologies for the delay in getting our newsletter out. We hope you are all doing OK out there and cannot wait until we are all back together again. As soon as we hear anything about a possible return to on site learning we will let you know.

## Online Newsletter

Next term we will be trialling an online newsletter that is built via the website and sent to you all through a link on compass. We are excited to see what this looks like and will seek your thoughts on whether we continue using the platform into 2021 and beyond. The website newsletter makes it easier to create the items and as a bonus it can be easily viewed on any device.

## Indigenous Literacy Day

Indigenous Literacy Day is Wednesday, September 2. Whilst there is a huge amount of work being done around the country to close the gap, the literacy outcomes for Indigenous students show there is much work still to be done. Our team of teachers from the Reconciliation Action Group have put together some great resources for our students to learn about today, including an opportunity to hear 'read-alouds' of texts written by First Nations authors. If you are in a position to donate, The Indigenous Foundation welcome contributions.

<https://www.indigenoussliteracyfoundation.org.au/what-is-indigenous-literacy>

## Publishing House

We had 60 applications from Foundation to Year Six and I have spent time reviewing each of them. I have asked for staff help to make the final selection for our first team of Editors, Illustrators, Publishers and Reviewers. All children of Footscray Primary School will be welcome to submit their work to the Publishing House from Term Four this year and on an ongoing basis in the future. There will be an opportunity each year to apply for the roles within the Publishing House.

## Enrolments 2021 – All Year Levels

Workforce planning and recruitment is under way for 2021 and we need your help. If you haven't enrolled your child into Foundation as yet, you can find enrolment forms on our website or contact 9687 1910 to request a form via post. If you are moving out of the area and your children will no longer be attending Footscray PS in 2021 could you please let the office know so we can plan accordingly.

Thank you.



## Accessibilities Work

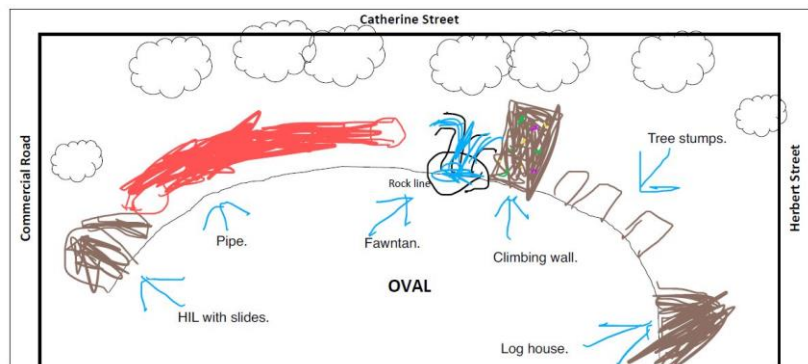
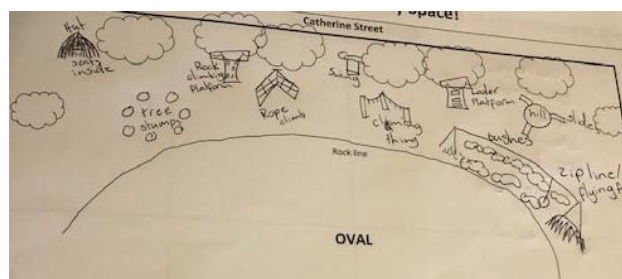
The ramp and steps outside the Edwardian have had the concrete poured, and just need the railings and final touches to be complete. This week the Accessibility Team is working on the Geelong Road entrance to the school, ensuring there is a smooth change in levels from the path outside the school onto the asphalt around the basketball court, and the area outside the TheirCare building.

Over the next few weeks, you may notice some earthworks on the school oval. This is part of the accessibility works, and will involve the installation of a path around the edge of the oval from the portables, along the rock line, to the path inside the fence along Commercial Road. This work is funded through the Department of Education Accessibilities Grant, to ensure all students have access to the school oval. Alongside the installation of the path, the rock line will be moved forward to make space for our nature play area (see below). We are very excited this work is underway, and expect it to be finished by the end of the school holidays.

## Nature Play Area

The Building and Grounds committee are inviting the school community to have input into the nature play area, along the Catherine Street end of the school. You will have noticed your child/ren completing a learning task last week or this week, asking them for their ideas for the nature play area. We welcome ideas from our parents and friends as well. The intention of this area is to be an interactive natural play space for the children, where they can use their imagination whilst immersed in nature. There will be structured and unstructured play spaces, and natural materials will be used for play equipment as much as possible. This space will include plants as well as play equipment, and we hope to incorporate Indigenous elements and plantings.

If you would like to contribute ideas to the nature play area, please send your ideas to the Assistant Principal, Sally Curmi, at [sally.curmi@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sally.curmi@education.vic.gov.au). You can access the template (not to scale) in your child's Google Classroom, or email sally for a template to be sent to you.







# Information for applicants

**Are you ready to learn a new skill and start a new job?**

## THE PLACEMENT CIRCLE PILOT PROGRAM

Research shows that women are increasingly at risk of homelessness and financial hardship as they get older. Women from diverse backgrounds, especially those in the 25-65 age bracket are often excluded from the workforce due to caring responsibilities, time out of the workforce and being unable to find suitable work for their existing skills.

Here at The Placement Circle, we know that these amazing women have a lot to offer a workplace and we want to help them find meaningful work that allows them to use their unique skills and life experience.

The Placement Circle is working with women to help them gain vocational qualifications, meaningful employment, linking them to financial literacy training and create a supportive community of women.

We're doing this by establishing a pilot program that links communities of peer supported women to vocational based training at TAFE and a place based employer.

## ABOUT THE PILOT

We are currently running a pilot to ensure our programs meet the needs of participants with our key objective being for them to find sustainable and meaningful employment.

The program and results will be tracked by Victoria University to establish a model that can be rolled out in other areas, and to grow and include other areas of high skill demand.

The first round of pilots will run in Dandenong, Footscray, Bendigo and Shepparton.

## Contact

theplacementcircle.org   contact@womencanaustralia.com  
(03) 9114 7826



## The Placement Circle

Helping women learn new skills and find paid employment  
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## HOW CAN THE PLACEMENT CIRCLE HELP ME?

If you meet the eligibility criteria and enrol in The Placement Circle pilot program, you'll be supported with more than just a qualification.

The Placement Circle program helps you succeed by providing peer support as you study.

Together with your course provider, we give you:

- Subsidised vocational training
- Study skills and academic support
- A peer supported program where you can connect and get support from women just like you
- Female only classes
- Clinical placement in real workplaces, with genuine employment opportunities
- Local study and placements in your area

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Placement Circle, together with our TAFE partners are looking for women who meet the following criteria:

### TAFE criteria

- Any Australian citizen or permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Must be enrolling in a course that is a higher qualification than the highest qualification previously attained. For example, if you have a Certificate III, you can't do a subsidised Certificate II course.
- Unemployed and clients of the Jobs Victoria Employment Network
- Victorians who want to reskill, change careers, improve their employment prospects and/or meet the needs of local industries, subject to availability of TAFE places, and prioritised based on need.

### TPC criteria (any or all of the following)

- Female
- Must be in receipt of a DHS supported income
- Ethnically diverse
- Aged 25-65 (flexible)
- Disconnected from the workforce
- Ready and willing to study and find employment

## HOW CAN I ENROL?

Go to [www.theplacementcircle.org](http://www.theplacementcircle.org) to register your interest, and we'll be in touch with all the details of how to enrol.

### Questions?

See our FAQ at <https://www.theplacementcircle.org/pilotfaq>

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THE PLACEMENT CIRCLE LTD ACN: 636 406 972



SCAN ME

# Find more than a job. Find a place.



The Placement Circle, a program that helps women learn new skills and find paid employment.



Scan me

We're looking for women ready to re-join the workforce. Women who want to learn a new skill and train in a new profession. Learn to become a Care Worker with a Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged Care). With peer support, access to TAFE, training and employment, find out if you qualify for this subsidised program.

Contact:

[www.theplacementcircle.org](http://www.theplacementcircle.org) to learn more





# Be work ready in 7 months

There is high demand for essential workers in  
Aged Care and Disability Care.

STUDY FOR FREE – QUALIFY IN 7 MONTHS

CERTIFICATE IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (AGED CARE)  
WITH VU POLY



Accepting Applications on our website  
until October 10<sup>th</sup> 2020



## SUPPORT TO STUDY AND GET A JOB

- Peer-supported – women only classes
- Small groups of students
- Study skills and English Language support
- Free courses



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Find your place



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## 123 Magic Parenting Course

A free, online, 3 session, weekly program commencing Monday October 19th, from 10:30AM - 12:30PM

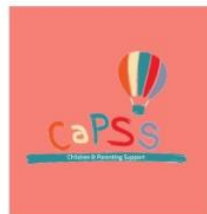
For more information contact Alex on 0456 824 447 or register online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaPSS\\_123Magic](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaPSS_123Magic)

### Learn how to:

- Discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- Sort behaviour
- Handle challenging and testing behaviours

### By:

- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Using 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour
- The 3 Choices model - Matching your response to your child's behaviour



# ROUTINE READY

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY  
SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

Learn why routine  
is important and  
how to create  
morning and  
evening routines  
that work.

THUR 10TH SEPT  
10:30AM-  
11.30AM

THUR 17TH SEPT  
6:30PM-7:30PM

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