Term 3 Week 8 01-9-16

Principal’s Message
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Important Dates

Year 1
Paradise Country
Friday 9th September - all year 1 classes
Cost $19.00
Last day for payment is 5th September 2016

Year 6
Teppanyaki Japanese Restaurant
Wednesday 7th September - 6E 6A
Monday 12th September - 6C 6D
Tuesday 13th September - 6F 6B
Cost: $25.00
Last day for payment is 5th September 2016

The finance window is open Mondays and Wednesdays 8am – 9.30am.
Please assist us by adhering to these times. All excursions and incursions have closing dates to make payment.
Please ensure you pay by the due date as no late payments will be accepted.

Dear Helensvale Community

Father’s Day Celebration

This Sunday Australia celebrates Father’s Day in recognition of the role father’s play in our families, society and workforce. Father’s Day provides the opportunity, where possible, for our children to take time out with their fathers to strengthen the bonds within families. In our complex and time poor society, where father’s working away from home is common, or are the first to leave in the morning and arrive home late, significantly reduces a father’s time at home. Due to work commitments mothers in many families are left to manage the home managing both roles as a pseudo father and mother. In many cases Father’s Day could be called Mother’s Day 2 as mums are the steady influence in a child’s life.

So why do we acknowledge Fathers in this way?

Father’s Day in Australia is its unique time of celebration. Unlike in US and several other countries where Father’s Day is celebrated on the Third Sunday of June, Father’s Day in Australia is celebrated on the first Sunday of September. Hence, the date of Father’s Day is never fixed. Father’s Day celebration in Australia takes place in the same way as in several other countries around the world. Taking opportunity of the occasion, people express gratitude for father and thank them for all their care and support. Most often children gift, neckties, socks, chocolates, Lotto tickets, Supercheap gift cards or other gifts from our P&C stall to show their appreciation of their dad.

To all our fathers I wish you a great Father’s day and trust that the time you can spend with you children / family builds on the family bonds so critical for family cohesion.

A message for my dad!
This year my dad turned 87 and while still enjoys good health and a sharp mind regarding politics, world events and football it is the small things that he taught me in my formative years, which have greatly shaped who I am today. As a community leader he was focused on the qualities of what he called a person moral compass where integrity, honestly and above all else the importance of family was front and center in all his actions. I thank him for modelling these core qualities to me and my brothers and sisters so we could contribute to our society in a positive way. Dad, wishing you a Happy Father’s Day in Cairns with my son and grandson on your special day.

Tuckshop Helpers Required

Thank you to the parents who have come forward to offer their assistance at our tuckshop. Your contribution has been greatly appreciated. Due to people entering the full time workforce, or long term illness some of our helpers have departed and again we need your help on specific days each week. If you can help, please contact Tracy at the tuckshop to arrange which day and time best suits you. Remember dads are always welcome on your RDO etc.

Looking forward to meeting you soon at the place to be in 2016 our tuckshop.

Education Queensland Policy - Medication at School

All student medication must be presented to the front office for paperwork (Administration Permission) to be completed by the parent/carer.

All medication including over-the-counter preparations need to have doctor’s prescription label attached to the original container.

For example:
• Prescription medication- antibiotics
• Panadol, Nurofen or other pain relievers
• Creams/Lotions
• Asthma inhalers

Mike Shambrook
Principal

Quotes of the week

“The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother” Author Unknown

“When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years” Mark Twain, “Old Times on the Mississippi” Atlantic Monthly, 1874

“He didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it” Clarence Budington Kelland

“A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father” Gabriel Garcia Marquez

From Ms Brown’s Desk

Teacher Aide Day

Each year on the first Friday in September, schools celebrate the support provided to students and teachers by their teacher aides. We have thirty-two teacher aides at Helensvale and this morning we celebrated with a continental breakfast to show our appreciation of their skills, abilities and flexibility.

To all these wonderful people who make such a difference to our students every single day, a huge thank you for your care, dedication and commitment. We could not achieve what we do without you by our side.

Roald Dahl Day Dress Up Day

Oxenford

Everyone knows the name Roald Dahl, one of the most successful children’s writers in history. What is hard to believe is he was born 100 years ago, on Tuesday September 13. To celebrate the writer’s 100th birthday and his contribution to literature, we are encouraging our students to dress as a character from one of his gloriumptious stories. To participate, our Student Council is asking students to bring a gold coin which will be donated to a local charity, Animal Welfare League Qld.

The Dahlicious Dress Up Day!
We will have a splendiferous, gloriumptious day.
www.roalddahl.com
www.theschoolrun.com/roald-dahl-dressing-up-costumes

Dr Anita Heiss – Author visit

Last week, during Book Week, forty of our students had the privilege of working to enhance their creative writing skills with Australian author, presenter and commentator, Dr Anita Heiss. Students in the upper school also had the opportunity to be part of the audience when she presented her Author Talk in the PAC. Following her talks and workshops, students were very keen to search for her books in bookstores or online and begin writing their own for publication.

Holidays – September 16

Holidays are looming fast! Our last day of Term 3 is Friday September 16 and school resumes again on Tuesday October 4. There are always lots of exciting activities planned to coincide with school holidays on the Gold Coast, Brisbane and the Scenic Rim. Start planning to make every day count and get your children researching online!

From Mrs Austin’s Desk

Parent Teacher Interviews – Term 3

Thank you to those families that have already gone online and secured an Interview time. If you have not done this yet, you have one more day to get this finalised. On Friday 2 September at 3pm, we will close in the booking times. Please don’t miss this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and learning goals for the remainder of the 2016 School Year.

Please click on www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the below instructions:
Behaviour Update

Each week via Homelines this term we have communicated the changes with our new behaviour system. As with anything new, it takes some time for the staff, students and families to familiarise themselves and adjust accordingly. One of the biggest adjustments is the school’s improved processes in reporting to families student behaviours that are not in accordance to our “Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students”.

Previously, when students were sent to Community Service, the only communication about the incident was via the student’s “Community Services Worksheet”. There was no true accountability on families signing and returning this document to the school in acknowledgment from families that they had discussed the behaviour with their children. In some circumstances, the “Community Service Worksheet” never actually made its way home at all, therefore families were none the wiser that an incident had even occurred.

With the new process, the communication loop hole has significantly been tightened with the Behaviour Staff required to telephone or contact families informing them of the incident. We know for both parties, this is not an enjoyable experience for our staff required to deliver these messages and as parents, receiving such phone calls from the school. On most occasions, parents are thankful for the notification and willing to work together to support their child. But on other occasions, reactions from parents have not been respectful, and in some cases have been aggressive.

We acknowledge, that if these behaviours have not been previously reported, it can initially be a shock. As a parent, your first defence is to defend and protect your child. This is a normal response. After some time, cooling down and some reflection families are able to remove the emotion from the situation and see it for what it is. The school following its processes to communicate and work with families to help teach and reinforce the expected behaviours and respect when at school.

It is evident there has been some self-reflections from families, as the school has received follow up phone calls and communication wanting to apologise for their reaction and response. We would like to acknowledge and thank those families that have taken the time to do this, as it goes a long way to securing the partnership we hope to forge between home and school. It also role models to students the appropriate behaviours as adults.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the community that our staff are human too. It is with best intentions that we are trying to work more closely with our families to open the lines of communication in celebrating successes and
discussing areas for improvement. We do this with the deliberate intention that we be more proactive in reporting concerns early to ensure we work together as a team to best support your children. Please don’t “shoot the messenger” responsible for reporting the information, instead, turn your focus to the conversations needed with your child and discuss the behaviour choices they are making whilst at school.

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Beach Children Whisper

DATE CLAIMER

Deadly Choices every Monday 3:15pm
Dulek Yalgpah every Tuesday Lunchtime: 1:30pm

Attendance Goal for 2016: 95% Currently 90%

DEADLY JALUMMS

Dr Amanda Kers, a member of the Waru family of central New South Wales and one of Australia’s most prolific and well-known authors of Indigenous literature, joined us all day for live author talks and writing workshops.

SCHOOL SHIRTS

Children’s Adult’s Available in most sizes

CHF 265

CHF 500

SIGNIFICANT DATES AUGUST

4th - Aboriginal Mountain Blak Men’s Day
9th - International Day of Indigenous People
18th - Commonwealth Games NT
28th - Time to Rise Party NT
29th - Gururrji walk off Wave Hill Station NT

WORD OF THE WEEK

Jalummm - Fish

Tips for转弯 up

Don’t think about it

Use every adult and child. Teach them simple, basic

For the Business Journal, but it’s important. It’s to be a leader, leadership, the whole concept of leadership, it’s to be a leader, it’s to be a leader in your school.

Dream big

What is this about? It’s thinking possibilities.

We need to think about your career and what you’re going to do.

Unemployment is an issue, and so is your health care.

Organised sports

Children need to make sure that they are

Healthy, healthy, healthy.

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On Friday August 12th Prep C celebrated the Rio Olympics by holding their own very own mini Olympics! Students worked hard to make gold, silver and bronze medals from fruit loops and ribbon. These medals were awarded during the Olympics to students who not only came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their activity, but also displayed great team spirit and persistence. Students competed in sack races, mini basketball, running relays, shot put, ball games and parachuting. Though it was hot and sweaty work, all students had an amazing time showing off their athletic abilities!
News from 4D

Maths Team Challenge
Today 10 students from years 5 and 6 competed in a maths team challenge at Kingston State School. They worked together to solve problems as a team and in pairs in the relay challenge. They demonstrated perseverance and determination and did our school proud. There were 21 schools represented at the challenge with 31 teams competing. Both of the Helensvale teams finished in the top 10. Thank you to Mrs Rheeder and Mrs Irving for accompanying the students to the challenge. We look forward to being a part of the challenge next year.

News from the Music Room

I would like to congratulate our Junior and Senior Choir Groups for receiving a ‘Highly Commended’ at the Gold Coast EISTEDDFOD choir competition. Both choirs worked hard. Well done kids for your hard work and commitment.

Thank you to the parents, teachers and staff at Helensvale State School for being a great support to our choirs. Special mention to our pianist Ms Ros Melrose for her great work with the choir students.

Partaking in the EISTEDDFOD competition was truly a remarkable experience for our students.

Once again, thank you very much for your support.

Nina Hoile
(Music Teacher)

News from the Art Room

Magnus from 1/2IC with one of our lovely teacher aides, Mrs Jodie Kelly, enjoying the pillows made by the 1/2IC class during Visual Arts class with Ms Parker. The pillows are in the calm space for students to access when they are wanting some quiet time.

Helensvale State School P C Association

HAWAIIAN LUAU TRIVIA NIGHT
Please note that the P&C Trivia Night has been changed to the 12th November, 2016.

This is the new date for the Hawaiian Luau. So get out the hula skirts, coconut bras, Hawaiian print shirts and get your costumes ready! There will be 10 rounds of trivia and lots of fun games, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction on the night! It starts at 6pm and goes till 10pm. Tickets are only $10 per person, or get a group together and do a table of 10!

There will be beer, wine, softdrink, slushies and snacks available on the night. So this function will be NO BYO!

So hold the date and get ready for a fun night!

Tuckshop News... Tuckshop News... Tuckshop News...

Hello Everyone,

Just letting everyone know that the Tuckshop will be closed on the last day of this term for cleaning. Our lovely Japanese teacher, Mrs Graham has organised for some generous Japanese Mum’s within our school, to cook Yaki Soba (Traditional Japanese Noodles) for the children, on the last day. We will only be taking pre-orders for this dish, therefore we cannot take orders on the actual day. Order cut off will be Wednesday 14/09/2016. We will be doing a meal deal of Yaki Saba, Chips and a Popper Juice for $6.00. If you just want to order the Yaki Saba only, it will be $4.00. Please be aware that this dish does contain egg products, wheat products and soya beans.

The list of ingredients are as follows for the noodles, wheat flour, water, wheat protein, egg white, vegetable oil, emulsifier (soy lecithin), acidity regulator (575), salt, colour (150a), acidity regulator (500, 501). The Yakisoba Sauce ingredients are vegetable and fruit (tomato, apple and onion), sugar, vinegar, salt, hydrolysed protein, spices (black pepper, allspice, red pepper, cinnamon, clove, fennel, celery, thyme, sage, coriander, corn powder, starch, dextrose), panko extract, flavour enhancer (621, 631), thickener (1422), colour (150a). Other ingredients include onion, carrots and chicken.

If your child would like to order one of these lunches please complete order form and send it in with the correct money before Wednesday 14/09/2016.

Tuckshop Order Form - Yaki Japanese Noodles

Prep parents please be aware that the Preppies cannot come to the windows with money to buy anything, until the start of next term. You can order anything on the menu for them via a paper bag order and it will go down in their basket. If they get a tag in their bag, they come to the tuckshop ordering window with their bag and the tag and it will be exchanged for their item.

They just don’t understand the process of buying something with money, not buying for friends (as they may have allergies and their parents may not approve of what they are eating) and not giving your money to others, at the moment, so we prefer them to order by bag only. Next term we will trial them coming up. Please don’t send money in with them, thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Cheers,

Tracy Wall (Tuckshop Convenor)
2016 Enrolment Packs

If you require Before School or Afterschool Care please call in and pick up a 2016 Enrolment pack.

YMCA Helensvale OSHC
P: 07 5665 9216
M: 0438 166 633
oshc@ymcaqueensland.org

If you are new to the school and would like a tour of our facilities, please call to make an appointment. Our team members will show you around and explain all things OSHC. We look forward to meeting you!

Important Messages from the Coordinator:
1st September 2015
Vacation Care booking forms have been handed out to the children’s classes.

If you require care, please complete the booking form and return to YMCA OSHC as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Thankyou!

Book Week
Last week the children enjoyed many different activities to coincide with Book Week, the children created their own books and designed their covers, they worked together to decorate our Book corner wall with their amazing creative skills.

FATHERS DAY

We would like to wish all Fathers out there A Happy Fathers Day and YMCA children have been extremely busy this week making gifts for their dads.

Join us next week for:
Super Hero Day.
Bring your Super powers to YMCA and create your favourite superhero or better yet, invent one!

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Advertising in our Newsletter

Advertising Space is now available within our newsletter

Please phone Michelle on 0409992479 or send an email to michelle.m@austrnews.com.au if you are interested in advertising your business.
Helensvale State High

“High School Experience Day”

Friday 2 September, 2016

For all current Year 6 students already enrolled at Helensvale State High for 2017.

What happens at the Helensvale State High “High School Experience Day”? Students will be participating in a variety of engaging lessons and activities throughout the day.

What to bring? Afternoon tea, water bottle, hat, small notebook and a pencil case. BBQ lunch will be provided.

What to wear? Primary school sports uniform (parents welcome)...

Where to come? Students will assemble at the Helensvale State High, Discovery Place at 9:30am and will be released from Helensvale State High at 2:30pm. (Note parking and entrance for drop off and pick up - Rugby Lane). Administration and Support staff will be available to answer student and parent questions from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

Students will go to classes at 9:45am. At this time parents are free to school or are invited to attend information presentations from 9:30 to 10:10am and a student/parent meeting with our Principal, Mr. Bayliss at 10:10am.

**Please ensure you have submitted your completed enrolment forms by 31 August to be included in this day.

Helensvale State High
3600 Discovery Drive, Helensvale 4212
Phone: 5573 0533
Email: 2104_admin@eq.edu.au

Training Starts This Sunday 4/9/16 at 10am at Newton Park
COMMUNITY DAY

TOOWOOMBA WARRIORS VS KAMBUL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2016
AT JACK MARTIN SPORTS CENTRE
TOOWOOMBA

STARTING AT 9AM UNTIL 4PM

GAMES FOR U6s, U8s, U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s, U16 GIRLS, U18s

PARKING AND ENTRY TO GROUNDS VIA BOTTOM OVAL ENTRANCE ALONG CAMBOYDA STREET DRAYTON

CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN - PLENTY OF DRINKS AND FOOD AVAILABLE

Any enquiries please contact Trish Cochrane 0407 593062

This is a SMOKE, DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Carbal Medical Services

Mercy Community Services

TOOWOOMBA WARRIORS

MARKET STALLS

HEALTH INFO STALLS

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www.greathealthybusinessdirectory.com.au
Call 0415 365 554 or email enquiries@greathealthybusinessdirectory.com.au

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Gold Coast Event Centre Racecourse Drive, Surfers Paradise QLD. Saturday 9:00-5:00 & Sunday 9:00-4:00, last entry 30 minutes before closing.

Tickets available from wannaticket.com.au or at the door (cash and EFTPOS available)

Adults $14 | Children 3-15 years $7 | Family (2 Adults & 4 children) $45 | Children under 3 FREE
CALLING FOR PLAYERS NOW!

The Arthur Beetson Foundation & Deadly Choices presents

MURRI RUGBY LEAGUE JUNIOR CARNIVAL | 2016

For under 10’s and under 12’s 19-20 September

If you are interested in playing in the 2016 Muri Rugby League Junior Carnival you can register your interest online at http://ems.ly/3w280kDfM

Eligibility:
• A full 715 Health Check is mandatory for all players to participate in the carnival (only 2016 health checks apply) - a health check prior to this date is not valid.
• 90% school attendance for 3 months leading into the carnival
• Must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (confirmation of Aboriginality is accepted through the 715 Health Check)

For general inquiries email kenneth.hill@qut.edu.au

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MURRI NETBALL JUNIOR CARNIVAL | 2016

For under 10’s, 12’s and 14’s | 19-20 September

If you are interested in playing in the 2016 Muri Netball Junior Carnival you can register your interest online at http://ems.gs/3W280KDMIZ

Eligibility:
- A full 715 Health Check is mandatory for all players to participate in the carnival (only 2016 health checks apply) - a health check prior to this date is not valid.
- 90% school attendance for 3 months leading into the carnival
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For general inquiries email kenneth.hill@uth.org.au

September School Holidays

St Michael's College Merriwa - Wednesday 21st September
Helensvale SHS - Wednesday 26th September
9am - 3pm Each Day (Drop Off from 8am) - Ages 5-12yo
***Only $50 per participant***
($5 discount for each following sibling)

Free Show Bag Valued at $75 & Certificate for each participant
PLUS
Professional Athlete Appearance & Autograph signing at each session

Sports include Multi Skill Games, AFL, Basketball, NRL, Soccer, Netball, Boxball, Cricket, PLUS Interactive Sports Sessions

Bookings: 07 5554 6931 or info@irdksports.com.au

Helensvale State High
Arts Department
Presents
ENCORE
2016
Friday 7th October
Show starts at 6:00pm HSHS SAC
$5 entry tickets on sale at Finance *no tickets sold at door*
TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 12th November 6-10pm in the PAC
Theme Hawaiian Luau
Tickets: $10 (10 people max per table)
Beer, wine, soft drink, slushies and
snacks available for purchase, no BYO
Prizes for best dressed, door prizes, raffles, games and lots of fun!
Tickets available at the Tuckshop from Monday 5th September
pandc@helsenvales.eds.edu.au

NEW DATE

Helensvale State School
P&C Present the 2016

JARJUMS

Free Playgroup
And Family Gathering

Where: North Gold Coast Early Years Centre
Cnr Martin and White Streets NERANG

When: Wednesday and Friday Mornings
Starting 3rd February 2016

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Indigenous playgroup for children aged 0-5 years and
their families.
Supported by a qualified Indigenous Early Childhood
Educator and Family Support worker.
The playgroup provides cultural activities,
WANT TO LEARN HOW
to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
experiencing mental health problems?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Mental Health First Aid Course

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, work and play, and pay our deepest respect to our Elders past, present and future.

This two day course is conducted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Australia and conducted by MNFA Instructors across Australia.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Course is designed as a 14 hour course, typically conducted in 6 modules that we are holding it over two days. This course teaches Health professionals and community members (16 years and over) how to assist an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander adult who is experiencing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

Who can attend the course?

This course is targeted to Gold Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members over 18 years old.

However, if there are vacancies the course will be made available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members from outside of the Gold Coast, non-Indigenous Community members and staff of services working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. Please contact the service to confirm availability.

What the course covers

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing
- Mental health problems in communities
- Mental Health First Aid strategies for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Developing mental illnesses:
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Gradual onset psychosis
- Substance misuse
Mental health crisis situations:
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Severe effects of drug or alcohol use
- Panic attacks
- Traumatic events
- Non-suicidal self-harm (painful, non-lethal self-injury)
- Aggressive behaviours
- Severe psychotic states

Course Format
The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Course is designed as a two day face-to-face course conducted in 6 modules.
Course participants will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Cost
Attendance at the course is free. Tea/Coffee, morning tea and Lunch provided.

2016 Course Calendar
8:45am – 4:30pm

KIRRHA HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
1 Garrick Street, Coolangatta (see map)
- 15 & 22 April
- 10 & 17 June
- 19 & 26 August
- 21 & 28 October

SOUTHPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE
6 Lawson Street, Southport 8:45am – 4:30pm
- 17 & 18 March
- 22 & 29 July
- 9 & 16 September
- 2 & 9 December

NORTHERN GOLD COAST
COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN
Oxenford and Coomera Community and Youth Centre (OCCYC)
28 Leo Graham Way Oxenford
P: 55 288 087 / 55 804 989
E: family@youthcentre.org.au

FREE PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS Term 3 2016

| BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS (4 weeks) | A four week program that uses ideas of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children, promote respectful interactions, and encourage the development of children’s positive self-identity. |
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SELF-ESTEEM (4 weeks)  This is a four session nurturing program that helps build your self-esteem: increasing your confidence and helping you to feel better about yourself.  Thursday 28th July – 18th August: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

ANGER MANAGEMENT/CONFLICT RESOLUTION (4 weeks)  NEW! A four session program filled with information about anger – what it is, how it impacts on our lives and relationships, and strategies about how to manage anger, feel happier, and improve the quality of our lives and relationships.  Monday 11th July – 1st August: 9:30 am – 12:00 noon

COMING SOON: TUNING IN TO TEENS!!!

Child minding is available during all day programs for children aged 0 – 5 years. First child - $4 and $1 for every child thereafter. Places are limited and bookings are essential. Fee to be paid prior to commencing program.

Northern Gold Coast/Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. All programs are held at Oxenford and Coomera Community and Youth Centre except where indicated otherwise.

Are you in need of extra support?

You are invited to be part of a research study that will examine whether a volunteer home visiting program (known as Volunteer Family Connect) supports families with young children and complements the services already available in your local area.

We are looking for families who:

✓ Have young children aged 0-8 years
✓ Live in the local area
✓ Feel in need of more support in their parenting role
✓ Have feelings of isolation or feel overwhelmed
✓ Have limited or no local networks to support them
✓ Need more support connecting to services in their local community
✓ Are willing to accept a volunteer home visitor if they are asked to

For this study it is not possible to include families where there are current issues of abuse and neglect, domestic violence, unmanaged mental illness or unsettled parenting arrangements.

If you would like to know more about the research, please don’t hesitate to contact:

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