

ParentZone Eastern Newsletter Term 22022

News and Information on Programs and Services to Support Parents Across the Eastern Region of Melbourne

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What's New at ParentZone?

Welcome to Term 2 2022!

Term 1 seems to have flown by, despite being a longer term than usual for the start of the year. We were delighted to be able to provide support to new **Mums and Bubs** in partnership with **Yarra Ranges** which we have been trying to get off the ground for a year now but kept being hindered by Covid. We not only supported the mums impacted by Covid in 2020 but also those in 2021. It was a short program but the parents were delighted to come together and make new connections.

We also ran **Circle of Security** for the first time and are offering it again in term 2 due to the demand for this program.

We also continue to see demand for **Dads Matter**, **Talking Teens** and **Living with Autism** which ran in term 1 and will run again in term 2. These groups are continuing to fill each term and have a waiting list so we are delighted to be able to offer these groups ongoing.

We were also delighted to go out to **Templestowe College** to provide a session face to face with the parents there and will offer one session a term for the rest of 2022. It was great to be able to be in the same room as others. We also ran **Dealing with Feelings for Parents of Teens with Knox council.** The feedback was that all parents were fully engaged throughout the program which is often tricky when online in the evening.

Term 2 will see the above programs as mentioned but will also include **Emotion Focused Parenting**, **Calm Parents - Happy Kids** and a new inclusion in our six week program **Talking Tweens**. We are also speaking with a number of schools to go and offer support to their families directly. It is very exciting to be able to be out in the community now, although we are still being cautious in this approach.

We will also be offering a new support group through the **Strengthening Parent Support Program** for parents and carers of children with an **ADHD** diagnosis. This will run fortnightly on Thursday and you can get more information on this further in the newsletter.

We are also delighted to announce a second series of **Podcasts** which we hope to be launching in the second half of this year. These will build on the themes we covered in the first series but also add some other focused topics we are involved in throughout all our ParentZones. If you are not aware of **The ParentZone Pods** please see Page 29 of this newsletter for more information and the links to all 6.

This newsletter has some great information about other programs and services available in the Eastern Region, so please check it out and get in touch if you need any further information.

Thanks to all who contacted us to have their information included in this terms edition.

ParentZone
Keep well!
From the ParentZone Eastern team
Jo, Sharon, Julia, Michelle, Laurie and Tamara



ParentZone Term 2 Parenting Programs

Free ParentZone parenting programs for parents living in the Eastern Suburbs Melbourne

Dads Matter

A Parents Building Solutions Program for fathers

Would you like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Improve your relationship with your child?

When: Mondays (6 evening sessions)

2nd May - 6th June 2022 **Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Bookings:

Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

Circle of Security

Circle of Security parenting looks at how parents can build their relationship with their children and enhance attachment, trust, and a sense of safety.

Parents can learn ways to enhance the development of their child's self-esteem, trust, and feelings of security.

You can support the creation of a secure base from which your child feels able to explore their world, knowing there is a safe haven to return to.

When: Tuesday evenings, (8 sessions)

3rd May - 21st June 2022 **Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm **Where:** Online via Zoom

Cost: Free (bookings essential) **Bookings:** Call Julia on 9721 3629

or 0400 866 495



Emotion Focused Parenting

A Parents Building Solutions Program

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better understand and talk with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses

When: Monday afternoons (6 weeks)

2nd May - 6th June

Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm Where: Online via Zoom

Bookings:

Julia at Parentzone

9721 3629 or 0400 866 495



ParentZone Term 2 Parenting Programs

Free ParentZone programs for parents living in the Eastern Suburbs Melbourne

Calm Parents, Happy Kids

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Understand what drives parental anger?
- Find strategies to reduce your frustration?
- Reduce the friction in your home?
- Let go of your guilt and shame?
- Learn valuable behaviour management strategies for your children?
- Get your children to listen to you?

Meet Weekly for 6 Sessions

When: Tuesday afternoons

17 May to 21 June 2022 Time: 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Bookings: Laurie Arrowsmith at

laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

Where: Join us live online via Zoom Cost: Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

Bookings essential.

Talking Teens

A Parents Building Solutions Program

Do you want to:

- Improve your relationship with your teenager?
- Improve communication with your teen and resolve family disputes?
- Understand why young people behave the way they do?
- Learn effective ways to deal with anger and anxiety both yours and theirs

When: Monday evenings (6 sessions)
Mon 9th May to Mon 20th June 2022
Excludes Queens birthday public holiday

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Where: Online via Zoom

Bookings: Sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Living with Autism

6-week parenting program bringing together parents living with a child with Autism

Are you the parent or carer of a child who has a diagnosis of autism?

This free 6-week parenting program is an opportunity to ask questions about the autism spectrum and we will support you to consider different approaches/strategies to help with parenting.

When: Tuesday afternoons 10th May - 14th June 2022

Time: 12:30pm- 2:30pm

Bookings:

Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au or

0428 296 573

Talking Tweens

A Parents Building Solutions Program For Parents of Children Aged 8 to 12 years Do you want to:

- Improve communication with your child and resolve power struggles?
- Learn effective ways to deal with anger and anxiety - both yours and theirs
- Establish boundaries with your child around screen use and other challenging behaviors?
- Understand tween development and prepare for puberty?

When: Tuesday evenings (6 sessions) Mon 10th May to Mon 14th June 2022

Time: 7.00 pm - 9:00 pm Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free of charge

Registrations:

https://forms.office.com/r/CDCX1YBSnW **Enquiries:** sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au



Other Parenting Programs

Mum's & Munchkins (Single Mum's Group)

An opportunity for Mum's with children 0 - 11 years, enjoy 'time out from your busy schedule and form new connections.

- Improve your parental confidence and self-esteem
- Share pearls of wisdom and practical tips to help simplify your life
- Build new friendships with those on a similar journey
- Explore parenting topics that help navigate issues you may struggle to deal with
- A fun, friendly environment with a Preschool age children's program.

Where: CityLife Community Care. 1248 High

Street Road Wantirna South.

When: 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month

Time: 10am - 11:30am Contact: Bronwyn Phone: 9871 8900

Email: bronwyn.upton@citylife.care

Young Mums Group

This is a group for young mum's and children. During school terms FAN holds weekly gatherings/zoom sessions with the mums to do activities. These activities include art therapy. outings to cafes/parks/play centers, origami, knitting

Dates: Wednesdays (during school term) **Time:** Wednesday - In person: 12pm -2pm **Where:** Burgess Family Centre, 15 Barwon

Street Box Hill

Contact Person: Vanita Harris

Phone: 03 9890 2673 Email: vharris@fan.org.au

Mummy & Me

Mummy & Me is a program for Mums who have little or no family or community support. For Mums in the Knox area with children from birth – 11 years old.

A volunteer mentor will go into the home to

- Give practical help in the home and be a trusted friend
- Help them gain competence in motherhood and share valuable life experience
- Encourage and support them to build confidence and self-esteem
- Build connections and help break social isolation
- Work together on reaching established goals
- Connection is for 1 2 hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis
- Program is for 6 weeks with an option to extend if required

Phone: 9871 8900

Email: bronwyn.upton@citylife.care

Young Parents Group

A support group for young parents under the age of 25 years

When: Fridays during school terms

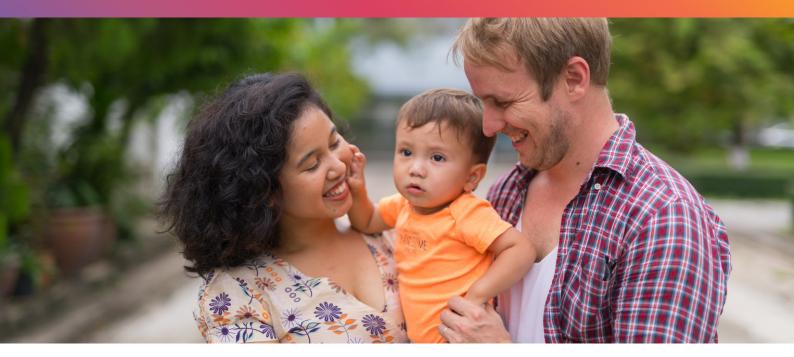
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Michelle Pascoe 9298 8311

Email: Michelle.pascoe@knox.vic.gov.au



Other Parenting Programs



Relationships Australia Parenting Programs

We provide programs designed to improve the wellbeing and safety of children and young people, providing strategies for communication and emotional development.

Website: <u>relationshipsvictoria.org.au/child-parenting-courses</u>

Triple P Parenting Program

The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program provides practical strategies to help parents raise happy, confident children; set family routines and rules that everyone can follow; and balance work and family life with less stress.

Free to attend online

Bookings: <u>triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-</u>

<u>uken/triple-p/</u>

Parent Child Mother Goose

Enjoy an hour of rhymes, songs and stories with your child!

Dates:

O-2 age group Monday 2nd May to 20th June 2-4 age group Thursday 5th May to 23rd June

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Where: 75 Patterson Street, Ringwood, 3135 -

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Phone: Shelley Neil - (03) 1038 6423

Email: cdtcorrespondence@each.com.au

COACH Mentoring

Come alongside individuals and families that are doing it tough for a period of 12 months or longer to provide support and to help them to make positive improvements to their lives.

Contact person: Christine Leong

Phone: 9871 8900

Email: Christine.Leong@citylife.care



Parenting Sessions - information forums and webinars

Yarra Ranges Council

Website: yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family/Family-Webinars

Knox City Council

Website: knox.vic.gov.au/parentworkshop

Whitehorse City Council

Website: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/living-working/people-and-families/family-activities-and-

resources/parenting-information-forums

Monash City Council

Website: monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Children-Family/For-Parents/Parenting-Programs

Boroondara City Council

Website: boroondara.vic.gov.au/community-support/boroondara-families/activities-families/activities-parents-and-caregivers

Manningham City Council

Website: manningham.vic.gov.au/Parenting-Seminar-Series

Maroondah City Council

Website: maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-business/Children-and-families/Parenting-information-sessions



Parenting Sessions - information forums and webinars



Understanding School Refusal Online Parenting Forum, presented by ARCVic

Date: Tuesday 10th May 2022

Time: 7pm until 8:30pm Contact person: Rachel Simpson

Contact person: Rachel Simpson Contact phone: 0477 329 540

Email address: parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Webpage link https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/understanding-school-refusal

Supporting your Child's Social & Emotional Development Online Parenting Forum, presented by Louise Dorrat

Date: Tuesday 7th June 2022 **Time:** 7pm until 8:30pm

Contact person: Rachel Simpson Contact phone: 0477 329 540

Email address: parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Webpage link: https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/supporting-childs-social-development

Mental Health 101 Online Parenting Forum, presented by headspace Hawthorn

Date: Wednesday 22nd June 2022

Time: 6pm until 7:30pm

Contact person: Rachel Simpson Contact phone: 0477 329 540

Email address: parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Webpage link: https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/living-working/people-and-families/family-

activities-and-resources/parenting-information-forums/mental-health-101



Support for Parents of 0 to 6-year-olds Maternal & Child Health Centres

Boroondara MCH Centres

Bookings phone 9278 4606 or email boroondara@boroondara.vic.gov.au

- 1 Cherry Road Balwyn (03)9836 8151
- 5 Anderson Rd, Hawthorn East (03) 9835 786121
- Strathalbyn St, Kew East
- 152 Pakington St, Kew (03) 9853 9466
- Kendall St, Canterbury VIC (03) 9836 2106

Knox MCH Centres

Bookings phone 9298 8741

- Billoo Park 40 Birchfield Crescent Wantirna
- Forest Road (Cnr. Stockton Ave) Ferntree Gully
- Knox CFC 41 Phyllis Street Bayswater
- Knox CFC 81 Argyle Way Wantirna Sth
- Knoxfield 81 Anne Road Knoxfield
- Liberty 77 Liberty Avenue Rowville
- Murrindal 100 Murrindal Drive Rowville
- Marie Chandler Park Crescent Boronia
- Wattleview 17 Fuchsia Street Ferntree Gully

Manningham MCH Centres

Bookings phone 9840 9188 or email mchadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au

- 5/7 Derreck Ave, Bulleen (03) 9840 9188
- 1/687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster (03) 9840 9188
- 39 Mayfair Ave, Templestowe Lower (03) 9840 9188
- 510-518 Blackburn Rd, Doncaster East 9840 9188
- Tunstall Rd, Doncaster East (03) 9840 9188

Yarra Ranges MCH Centres

Central Maternal Child Health 1300 368 333

• Urban Maternal and Child Health Centres:

Chirnside Park, Kilsyth, Lilydale, Mooroolbark, Montrose, Mount Evelyn

• Hills Maternal and Child Health Centres:

Belgrave, Belgrave Sth, Monbulk, Selby, Upwey

• Valley Maternal and Child Health Centres:

Badger Creek, Coldstream, Healesville, Wandin, Warburton, Woori Yallock, Yarra Glen, Yarra Junction



Monash MCH Centres

Bookings phone 9518 3662

- Batesford Hub: 94 Batesford Road, Chadstone
- Brandon Park: 7 Collegium Avenue Wheelers Hill
- Clayton Comm Centre, 9-15 Cooke Street Clayton
- Huntingdale: 59 Greville Street Oakleigh East
- Kerrie: 35 Boyanna Road Glen Waverley
- Mount Waverley: 35 Sherwood Road Mt Waverley
- Mulgrave: 55 Shaftsbury Drive Mulgrave
- Oakleigh: Link Centre, 8-10 Johnson St, Oakleigh
- Pinewood: 11 Pinewood Drive Mount Waverley

Whitehorse MCH Centres

- Blackburn North Family Centre 9898 3611
- Box Hill South Family Centre 9889 8900
- Burgess Family Centre Box Hill North 9898 3611
- Forest Hill Family Centre 889 8900
- Mitcham Family Centre 9262 6332
- Vermont South Family Centre 92626332

Maroondah MCH Centres

- Arrabri House Bayswater North 9729 4017 90
- Bonnie View Road Croydon North 9294 5777
- Croydon Civic Square 9294 5540 or 9294 5541
- Norwood Centre, Ringwood 9870 7264 / 98798813
- 75 Patterson Street Ringwood East 9879 6583127
- Oban Rd, Ringwood North 9876 3307, 9879 0854
- Tarralla, 38 Gracedale Ave Ringwood Est, 9294 577

Parentline Victoria

Counselling information Service for Victorian parents and carers of children 0-18 years

Phone: 13 22 89 or visit their **website** www.parentline.vic.gov.au



Support for Parents Early Years - O to 6 year olds

Maternal & Child Health Telephone Service

Confidential, 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Line provides information and advice about the care and health of your child (from birth to school age).

Discuss your concerns about child health and nutrition, breastfeeding, your own health, and any parenting issues

Phone: 13 22 29

SmallTalk Supported Playgroups

Free facilitated playgroups for families with a child aged 0-6 years who have a current Health Care Card. The program provides strategies to support children's early learning and development.

Knox Council:

9298 8348 or play@knox.vic.gov.au

Monash Council:

playgroups@monash.vic.gov.au or 0466 026 290

Whitehorse Council:

supported play group @whitehorsevic.gov. au

Yarra Ranges Council:

earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au 1300 368 333

Child and Family Services Information, Referral and Support Teams (Child FIRST)

Easily accessible, community-based point of entry for children, young people, and families needing support.

Boroondara, Manningham, Monash, and Whitehorse **Phone:** 1300 762 125

Knox, Maroondah, and Yarra Ranges

Phone: 1300 369 146

Early Parenting Services

Day stay, residential, and group services provided to enhance parent-child relationships and support parents with strategies for achieving their parenting goals. For parents children up to 4-years of age.

Where:

O'Connell Family Centre, Canterbury

Phone: (03) 8416 7600

Queen Elisabeth Centre, Noble Park

Phone: (03) 9549 2777

Tweedle Child and Family Health Service,

Footscray **Phone**: (03) 9689 1577

Australian Breastfeeding Association

The Breastfeeding Helpline is available 24hrs, 7 days a week, staffed by trained volunteer counselors who answer in their own homes. Phone: 1800 686 268

Local groups meet regularly to provide information, "mother to mother" support, and activities in community centres, cafes, local parks, and online.

Whether, pregnant, fully breastfeeding, partially breastfeeding, expressing or bottle-feeding all mothers will be welcomed.

Visit website to find local group meetings dates, times and locations. www.breastfeeding.asn.au/contacts/groups

PANDA - Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia

Provides support, information, referral, and counseling to any new parent struggling during pregnancy or after the birth of their baby, .

Callers do not need to have a diagnosis of antenatal or postnatal depression to make contact with the helpline.

Phone: 1300 726 306



Supportfor Middle Years - 7 to 11 year olds

Therapeutic Art Group for Children impacted by June 2021 Storms

Your Primary School aged child is welcome to joins us for 6 sessions therapeutic Art session where we can connected, having some fun and learn emotional regulation strategies while creating Art.

Would you like your child to have support and strategies to:

- · Process the events of the recent storms?
- · Skills to cope during times of uncertainty?
- · Learn how to express and regulate big feelings through Art?

Dates: Wednesday 18th May - 22nd June

Time: 4.15pm -5.15pm

Venue: Sassafras Primary School

Contact person: Rachel Misson Contact phone: 97356188

Email address:Rachel.misson@anglicarevic.org.com



TREE HOUSE **EACH**

Eastern Child & Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)

Eastern Health CYMHS is one of thirteen Specialist Mental Health Services in Victoria for children and young people up to the age of 24 years who are displaying symptoms of psychiatric disorder or severe emotional and behavioral disturbance

The service is available to families who live in the central and outer eastern region of Melbourne

1300 721 927 (Press Option 2)

After hours/weekends urgent enquires: 1300 721 927

Website:

www.easternhealth.org.au/site/item/99child-youth-mental-health-service-cymhs

Parentline Victoria

Counselling information Service for Victorian parents and carers of children 0-18 years Phone: 13 22 89 or visit their

website www.parentline.vic.gov.au

Treehouse is a therapeutic program for primaryschool aged children, who need some extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience. In Term 2 the Treehouse program will be specifically for Grade 6s, using art, play and Mindfulness activities to explore feelings in relation to change, transition and the impact COVID has had on their final years of Primary School.

By being creative and learning through play, children are able to develop their relationship skills in a non-confrontational way, while also allowing them to safely think about how they might cope with their worries.

Only one child from each school is accepted into the program, providing space and opportunity for children to safely explore strong feelings.

Dates: Tues 3rd May - Tues 7th June (participants need to attend all 6 sessions) **Time:** 4-5.30pm

Contact person: Alana Weekes or Melanie Fearn

Contact phone: 1300 003 224



Support for Parents of 12 to 18 year olds

Confident and Connected

This group aims to support gender diverse, non-binary and teen girls to connect with others and develop confidence communicating their feelings and needs.

Participants will be supported to explore:

- · Experience of emotions in the body
- · Responses to conflict
- · Communication of feelings and needs
- · Needs for connection
- · Strengths and developing self-confidence

This group is facilitated by skilled counsellors with the use of creative methods within an inclusive, strengthsbased and trauma-informed approach.

Fee of \$40 for all four sessions, reduced fee of \$20 for those with concession or health care card.

For gender diverse, non-binary and teen girls aged 13-17.

Maximum of 8 participants.

Dates: 11/05/22, 18/05/22, 25/05/22, 1/06/22

Time: 4-5:30pm

Venue: Doncare, Manningham City Square, suite 4 level 1/687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster VIC 3108

Contact person: Mo Borghetto Contact phone: 9856 1500

Email address: counselling4@doncare.org.au

Meridian Youth and Family Therapy Anglicare Box Hill

Therapy for people aged 10-23 and their families to address conflict from issues such as violence, anxiety, bullying, depression, eating disorders, family breakdown, gaming or internet misuse, grief, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, sexual or physical abuse, sexual identity & gender issues, school refusal. & social isolation.

Phone: Meridian Intake on 03 9896 6322 Email: meridian@anglicarevic.org.au

Maroondah City Council MY Pride

MY Pride is a fortnightly group for young people aged 10-13 who identify as LGBTIQA+ or who are exploring their identity.

MY Pride provides a safe space for young people who live, work, study or play in Maroondah to connect with peers, discuss different topics, eat snacks and have fun!

Dates: MY Pride will begin in March 2022 and will run fortnightly on a Monday afternoon in Croydon.

Weblinks: Expression of Interest

Breaking the Cycle

A program for parents, stepparents, and carers of 10 to 18 years olds who are abusive or violent in the home.

When: Wed 27th April - 15th June 2022

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Where: Anglicare Victoria, Level 2, 37-41 Prospect Street,

Box Hill 3128

Phone: 03 9896 6322

Email: meridian@anglicarevic.org.au

Maroondah City Council Sage

Sage provides a safe space for young LGBTIQA+ people (aged 14 - 18 years) who live, work, study or play in Maroondah to connect with peers, discuss different topics, eat snacks and have fun!

Dates: Fortnightly on a Monday afternoon in Croydon.

Starting May 2022

Web links: Expression of Interest

**Both groups will require an expression of interest form to be completed by participants/families as a first step.



Support for Parents of Youth 12 to 18 year olds

Talking Teens

A Parents Building Solutions Program

Do you want to:

- Improve your relationship with your teenager?
- Improve communication with your teen and resolve family disputes?
- Understand why young people behave the way they do?
- Learn effective ways to deal with anger and anxiety - both yours and theirs

When: Monday evenings (6 sessions)
Mon 9th May to Mon 20th June 2022
Excludes Queens birthday public holiday

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm Where: Online via Zoom

Bookings: Sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Tuning into Teens Online Course

A program for parents and carers of children with a disability

Tuning into Teens is an evidence-based parenting program that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children. In particular, the program teaches parenting skills in emotion coaching, which is to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting and supportive way.

This series of FREE online workshops are a partnership between EACH Family Relationship Support for Carers Service and Kate French, Clinical Psychologist at Side by Side Psychology.

Dates: Monday 26th April 2021 - 31st May 2021

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Book: Places are limited, please apply/register with your name, address, and phone number via the following email address:

frsc@each.com.au.

Partners in Parenting (PiP)

Being a parent or guardian of a teenager has its challenges. The teenage years are a period of rapid emotional and social development, and with this can come highs and lows.

This is why researchers from Monash University and Prevention United are offering FREE access to the Partners in Parenting (PiP+) program. PiP+ is an award-winning, evidence-based online parenting program designed to empower parents to make sense of adolescence and raise their teenager with confidence.

PiP+ includes features such as:

- A new module providing expert-endorsed information about parenting through the pandemic
- An online community with other parents of teens
- Personalised feedback about parenting, and the mental wellbeing of the parent and teenager
- 10 user friendly interactive online modules (15-25mins each) tailored for parents to do in their own time
- Be part of a world leading research project

PiP+ is aimed at parents or guardians of a teenager between the ages of 12-17 years.

Website: partnersinparenting.com.au.

Email: med-pip-plus@monash.edu or

Phone: 0492 476 075



Activities & Support for Youth 12 to 18 years



EACH Youth and Family

EACH Youth & Family are running several online and in person group social activities for young people aged 15- 25y/o in the coming months.

Programs include:

- **Just Vibing** online safe and inclusive social group for young people aged 15 25 years to engage in fun activities
- Just Shine therapeutic group program for young women aged 14-18 years
- Youth & Family Craft Space group craft space for young people aged 15-25 years

Stay connected to upcoming EACH activities via their Youth & Family Facebook page; <u>facebook.com/groups/eachyouthvic</u>

Peaceful Warriors

A group mentoring program that aims to build positive relationships between men and boys. The program believes that positive and consistent role models help boys grow into healthy adults. Volunteer mentors from the Peaceful Warriors help boys on their journey to becoming healthier men.

In term two the group will be offered to 13-16-year-olds in Yarra Ranges

Email: Peacefulwarriors@anglicarevic.org.au

Phone: 9735 6100



Support for Youth 12 to 18 years



COACH Mentoring:

Places Available:

The SBC COACH Mentoring program has been providing volunteer mentors to be a "friend with a purpose" to people in the City Of Monash and surrounding areas for 7 years.

We currently have mentors available to be matched with participants who would like support and encouragement to achieve their goals. Participants are matched with a Mentor of the same gender and meet for an hour each week, for one year. This is a very flexible program designed to support people with what matters to them... parenting, social connections, life-skills, study or employment planning, relationships, health and exercise... the list is limitless.

The program is free and available to people aged 16 - 106!

For more information or to make a referral please contact Rosie on 9803 9144 or email rmerrigan@sb.org.au

Parentline Victoria

Counselling information Service for Victorian parents and carers of children 0-18 years **Phone**: 13 22 89 or visit their **website** www.parentline.vic.gov.au

EV's Hangout

A drop-in program for young people aged 12-25. Each week young people have access to the pool, table tennis, video games, board games, food, and other activities. Young people can also connect with our youth workers for casual chat or to seek support.

When: Every Thursday 3;00 -6:00 pm

Contact: Maroondah Youth and Children's Services

Phone: 9294 5704

Email: youth@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Website: www.maroondahyouth.com.au/Programs-for-Young-People/Hangout

PARENTZONE

Activities & Support for Youth 12 to 18 years

Eastern Youth Services

Boroondara Youth Services

Website: boroondara.vic.gov.au/community-support/young-people/visit-our-youth-centre

Phone: 9278 4608

Knox Youth Services

Website: knox.vic.gov.au/youth

Phone: 9298 8000

Manningham Youth Services

Website: each.com.au/manninghamyouth/youth-programs/

Phone: 130000 EACH / (130000 3224)

Maroondah Youth Support Service

Website: maroondahyouth.com.au/Support-for-Young-People

Email: youth@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9294 5704

Monash Youth Services

Website: monashyouth.org.au/Programs

Phone: 9518 3900

Whitehorse Youth Services

Website: whitehorse.vic.gov.au/living-working/people-and-families/young-people/services-

activities

Phone: 9898 9340

Yarra Ranges Youth Services

Website: yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Youth

Phone: 1300 368 333

YSAS

Youth Support and Advocacy Service

Website: ysas.org.au Phone: 9415 8881

Headspace

Confidential and free mental health support for young people aged 12 to 25 years

Website: headspace.org.au

Phone:

Knox - 9801 6088

Hawthorn - 9006 6500



Disability Programs for Parents

Living with Autism Support Group

An informal peer support group for parent/carers who are caring for children living with Autism

When: Fortnightly Tuesday Evenings April 26th, May 10th & 24th, June 7th & 21st

Time: 7-8pm Location: Zoom Bookings:

To book please email

Michelle.emeryevans@anglicarevic.org.au If you'd like more information feel free to contact Michelle on 0438 646 744

ADHD/ADD Support Group

An informal support group for parent/carers who are caring for children with ADHD/ADD

When:

Fortnightly Thursdays

May 5th & 19th, June 2nd & 16th

Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Location: Zoom

Bookings:

To book please email

Michelle.emeryevans@anglicarevic.org.au If you'd like more information feel free to contact Michelle

on 0438 646 744

Strengthening Parent Support Program

Vermont

Dates: May 3rd & June 7th

Time: 10.30 - 11.30am

Where: St Lukes Anglican Church, crn Canterbury &

Mitcham Rds. Vermont

Bayswater

Dates: May 11th & June 8th

Time: 10.30 - 11.30am

Where: Glen Park Community Centre 30 Glen Park

Rd, Bayswater Nth

Online Group

Dates: Thursday April 28th, May 12th &26th, June 9th

& 23rd

Time: 10.30 - 11.30am via Zoom

Are you a parent or carer of a child with a disability or developmental delay (with or without a formal diagnosis)? Could you use a bit of support and connection with others

who understand?

Come along and join other parents and carers at one of our monthly peer support groups. Share stories and strategies, and have a cuppa, a chat and some laughs with other supportive parents and carers in a casual and comfortable environment. You can come to one or as many groups as you like

BOOKINGS:

To book please email
Michelle.emeryevans@anglicarevic.org.au
If you'd like more information feel free to contact
Michelle on 0438 646 744



Disability Programs for Parents

ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY Teens and Beyond

Teenagers do best with support from their family. This workshop series aims to help you navigate the teenage years with confidence.

What this workshop covers:

- Future Planning
- School and post-school options
- Getting the right NDIS support for your teen
- · Wellbeing friendships, behaviour support, communication and mental health

Who is it for

This is a workshop for parents and carers of children with disability aged 13+

When:

Option 1 - Tuesday 17, 24, 31 May 10:00 via Zoom

Option 2 -Tuesday 17, 24, 31 May 07:30 pm via Zoom

Option 3 -Wednesday 18, 25 May, 1 June 10:00 am via Zoom

Option 4 - Thursday 19, 26 May, 2 June (regional focus) 10:00 am via Zoom

How to join:

Bookings available from 12 April

Click here for bookings

Successful Secondary Years

Students do best when families and schools work together. This workshop aims to give you the skills and confidence to help your child get the support they need at secondary school.

What this workshop covers:

·Reasonable adjustments at secondary school

·Social connections and wellbeing

·Communication with school

·Supporting your child to self-advocate

Who is it for

This is a workshop for parents and carers of children with disability in Year 7 and above

When:

Tuesday 21 June 10:00 am via Zoom

Wednesday 22 June 10:00 am via Zoom

Thursday 23 June 10:00 am via Zoom

How to join:

Bookings available from 12th June:

Click here for Bookings

For more information about our workshop please go to:

Workshops - Association for Children with Disability (acd.org.au) or call 03 9880 7000 or 1800 654 013 (regional).



Disability Contacts for Families

Association for Children with a Disability (ACD)

Support Line Monday to Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Email: acdsupport@acd.org.au with your preferred day and time for a callback

Text: 0475 577 997 with your preferred day and time for a callback

Phone: 03 9880 7000 or 1800654 013 (regional)

AMAZE

Builds autism understanding in the community, influences policy change for autistic people and their families/supporters, and provides independent, credible information and resources. (03) 9657 1600 Web: https://www.amaze.org.au/

Autism Counselling

Suite 2/171 Boronia Rd, Boronia 0414 487 509

Cerebral Palsy Support Network

A community that advocates for inclusion and self-determination of individuals with Cerebral Palsy https://cpsn.org.au/ 9478 1001

Deaf Victoria

Advocates to increase access to services and to educate the wider community on how to work, play, and study with deaf and hard of hearing people. https://www.deafvictoria.org.au/ 0431 476 721

Down Syndrome Victoria

Provides families and people with Down syndrome with support, encouragement, information and resources. Phone 1300 658 873 Email info@dsav.asn.au http://www.downsyndromevictoria.org.au/

Epilepsy Action Australia

Provider of epilepsy support and information nationwide. https://www.epilepsy.org.au/

Scope Australia

Support for people with physical, intellectual disabilities, and developmental delays to achieve their goals.

1300 472 673

VALID

Equipping and empowering people with a disability and their families using training tools, information, and resources, 130 Cremorne street, Richmond Vic 3132 03 94164003

Yooralla

provides quality services for people with disability across Victoria https://www.yooralla.com.au/ 03 9666 4500



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support for Families

Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place

- Elders. Men's. Women's and Youth networks
- Burrai Playtime
- Food bank
- Access and support
- Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Program (AHPACC)
- Indigenous Community Links

Website: mmigp.org.au Phone: (03) 9725 2166

Djirra

Where culture is shared and celebrated, and where practical support is available to all Aboriginal women and particularly to Aboriginal people who are currently experiencing family violence or have in the past.

Website: djirra.org.au Phone: (03) 9244 3333

Dardi Munwurro

Delivers a range of family violence, healing, and behaviour change programs and services.

Breaks the cycle of inter-generational trauma in Aboriginal families and communities, by empowering and inspiring individuals to heal the past, acknowledge the present and create a positive vision for the future.

Website: dardimunwurro.com.au

Phone: 1800 435 799





Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Centre

A culturally safe service that assists in their healing journey from the impact of family violence. Boorndawan Willam (Safe House) is a place where you can strengthen your family and relationships through our holistic Aboriginal cultural and spiritual approach.

Website: bwahs.com.au Phone: (03) 9212 0200

Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA)

A state-wide Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation servicing children, young people, families, and community members. The largest of its kind in Australia.

Website: vacca.org **Phone:** (03) 8727 8800

Oonah Health & Community Services Aboriginal Corporation

A welcoming and culturally affirming place in that provides information, services and programs that are focused on building a healthy, strong and skilled community.

Website; oonah.org.au Phone: (03) 5962 2940



Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families



Chinese Family Services

Uniting Connections offer a range of programs to support families living in Monash. Programs offered include:

- Chinese Playgroup
- Information sessions for Chinese parents
- Support for Chinese fathers

Phone: Joseph Jin - 0422008145 or 98754222

Email: Joseph.Jin@vt.uniting.org

Victorian Multicultural Commission

Strengthens cultural diversity in Victoria through consultation, advocacy, celebration, and promotion. Site list more than 1700 services including interfaith networks, language service providers, government agencies, language schools, and events

Phone: (03) 7005 1267

Website: multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au

Migrant Information Centre

The Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) (MIC) assists families and children from migrant and refugee backgrounds residing in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne to understand Australian life, integrate into a multicultural community, and access services.

Website: miceastmelb.com.au

English Conversation Corner

Free online weekly sessions to practice your English skills in a relaxed supportive environment. Organised by volunteers with training through AMES. Conversation groups are for those over 18 years of age

Website: ringwoodchurch.org.au/be-involved/community

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Provides material aid, housing, education support, legal aid, for people seeking asylum

Website: asrc.org.au





Family Violence Support

Mums Guiding Kids Forward

An 8 week parenting program for mothers who have experienced family violence and abuse

- Do you want to build a stronger foundation for your children's future?
- Are you concerned about the effects of family violence on your children?
- Would you like to develop your parenting skills to better meet the needs of your children?

Where: Anglicare Victoria - Via Zoom

When: Wednesdays, 4th May - 22nd June 2022

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: Free of charge. Bookings essential

Bookings: Ayala Vansover & Tracy Morganella

9735 6100 or via email

WomenandChildrensprogram@anglicarevic.org.au

The TRAK Forward Program

Supports people to move forward after family violence, Includes

- Safety Planning
- Child and Family Counselling
- Coaching in the home or refuge
- Support to access other services
- Access to peer support

People living in Manningham, Boroondara, Monash and Whitehorse can access the service free of charge.

Intake Phone: 03 9896 6395

Email: trakeast@anglicarevic.org.au

Crossways Life Care

Supports women who have experienced family violence through counseling, mentoring, financial care, a women's centre, meals, and community groups. Based in the Whitehorse area

Phone: (03) 9886 3899

Email: lifecare@crossways.org.au



Eastern Domestic Violence Services (EDVOS)

Support includes working with police and courts, housing assistance, counseling, and men's intake. Free and confidential service

Phone: 9259 4200

Safe Steps Phone: 1800 015 188 (24-hour

crisis line)

Website: edvos.edvos.org.au



Family Violence Support

"Women Supporting Women, Recovering from Family Violence"

Purpose: Provide peer support and connection amongst survivors of family violence to assist with recovery and empowerment

This new group is a collaboration between Anglicare and Doncare to provide ongoing peer support for women recovering from family violence. It will be guided primarily by the participants themselves and there will be plenty of room for flexibility.

The first term is about exploring with the participants what they would like to experience in the group. The participants will be creating an informal "working party" to guide everything from the content to the name of the group with the support of 2 facilitators.

The group has already suggested some topics to be explored including the following:

- Self-Care
- Healing
- Family relationships
- Healthy and Unhealthy relationships
- Boundaries
- Anger

Who can attend:

Women that have experienced family violence but are now in the recovery phase (have experienced some counselling or attended other groups as part of their recovery) Women will have a brief talk to a group facilitator prior to attending the group.

When:

Wednesdays, 12-2pm, currently face to face at MC2 Building, 687 Doncaster Rd Doncaster VIC 3108 Groups will run during term time (starting week 2 of each term).

For more information, please contact Andrea via email andrea.derauch@doncare.org.au or call 9856 1500

SUNSHINE PLAYGROUP

Sunshine Playgroup is a fun space for families with pre-schoolers to connect, play and learn together. If you have experienced family violence and want somewhere to come with your little one and connect with others, this playgroup may be just what you're looking for.

Sunshine Playgroup is specifically designed to support families who have been through family violence. It is not a therapy program, but rather a playgroup where children and parents can spend time together in a creative and safe space.

When: Wednesdays in Term 2, starting 27th April 2022

Time: 10am-11.30am Where: Burwood East

Cost: Free

Morning tea provided

Sunshine Playgroup is open to all families with children aged between 2.5-5 years old who have been impacted by family violence. For more information please contact Family Violence Programs at Crossway LifeCare on 9886 3899 or FVPrograms@crosswaylifecare.org.au



Support for Dads



Dads Online

Dads come in all shapes and sizes and many are part of a separated family. There is one distinct common thread that connects us, we love our children, we embrace fatherhood and intentionally make it a priority.

Dads Online are dedicated to these Dads. We providing relevant information and ideas that tap directly into the heart of topics that are most important to Dads.

Where: Online

Contact: www.dadsonline.com.au/contact

Dads in Distress

Dads In Distress supports Dads experiencing trauma through family breakdown and separation anxiety. We also acknowledges the specific issue of father-child contact and custody battles commonly termed 'parental alienation', a factor closely linked to stress, separation anxiety, depression, isolation and suicide in Australia.

Website:

https://www.parentsbeyondbreakup.com/dids

Phone: 1300 853 437

Dads Matter

A Parents Building Solutions Program for fathers

Would you like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Improve your relationship with your child?

When: Mondays (6 evening sessions)

2nd May - 6th June 2022 **Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Bookings:

Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

DadsLink

The DadsLink Meetup group is a space for all the Dads and Father figures in our community to connect, while also creating opportunities for them to enjoy healthy activities and camps with their children.

Where: Hocokah House in Canterbury.

Contact: dadslink@ymca.org.au



Financial Counselling



Anglicare Victoria Financial Counselling Program

The Inner Eastern Financial Counselling program has received additional funding for a special 12 month project offering financial counselling services to vulnerable families, with school aged children, who are experiencing financial hardship and have been adversely impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. This will be a remote service, not based by catchment and will operate across Victoria.

Whilst eligibility is primarily to families impacted financially as the result of Covid (job loss/reduction in hours etc), the main objective is to prevent children becoming at greater risk of factors such as homelessness due to the worsening financial circumstances of their parents. Referrals are open to any disadvantaged families, who have school aged children deemed vulnerable or at risk, and who may have also been adversely impacted financially by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Phone: Please call our intake worker on 9896 6322 for further information.





Useful Contacts for Families

Help Lines

Police (24-hour stations) 000

Lifeline Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention 13 22 89 Homeless Crisis Line 1800 825 955

Drug and Alcohol Services 1800 888 236

Family Violence Help: 1800 015 188

Kids Help Line Phone Counselling Service: 1800 551 800

Parentline Victoria Counselling information Service 13 22 89 or visit

their website www.parentline.vic.gov.au

Mensline Counselling Service 1300 78 99 78

Q Line Counselling & Referral Service for LGBTI people 1800 184 527

Eastern Region Council Offices

Boroondara City Council

8 Inglesby Rd, Camberwell VIC 3124 (03) 9278 4444 https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/

Knox City Council

511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South VIC 3152 (03) 9298 8000 http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/

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Manningham City Council

699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster VIC 3108 (03) 9840 9333 https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/

Maroondah City Council

Braeside Avenue, Ringwood or Civic Square, Croydon 1300 88 22 33 or (03) 9298 4598 https://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/

Whitehorse City Council

379-397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading 3131 (03) 9262 6333 https://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/

Yarra Ranges Council

15 Anderson Street Lilydale, VIC 3140 P 1300 368 333 (03) 9735 4249 https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Home

Centrelink

Carers 132 717

Families 136 150

Financial Information Service (FIS) 136 357 (FIS seminar booking)

Help in an Emergency 132 850

Indigenous Australians Call Centre 1800 136 388

Languages (Multilingual) 131 202

Low Income Healthcare Card 132 490

Online Support Hotline 132 307

myGov Help Desk 132 307

People With a Disability 132 717

Medicare

General enquiries 132 011

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Line 1800 556 955

Australian Immunisation Register Enquiries 1800 653 809

Compensation Recovery - Medicare 132 127

Disaster Health Care Assistance 1800 660 026

myGov help desk 132 307

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme 132 290

Telephone claims 1300 360 460 Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) 131 450



Eastern Region Community Services Contacts

ANGLICARE VICTORIA

1800 809 722 anglicarevic.org.au

Anglicare Box Hill - (03) 9896 6322

37-41 Prospect Street, Box Hill VIC 3128

- Adolescent Support, Youth Counselling and Mediation
- Crisis Accommodation for Young People
- Drug & Alcohol Services
- Family Counselling
- Family Services
- Financial Counselling
- Foster and Kinship Care
- Men's Behaviour Change Group
- Residential Care
- ParentZone

Anglicare Lilydale - (03) 9735 4188

47-51 Castella Street, Lilydale, Victoria, 3140

- Family Violence Support
- Foster Care Intake and Services
- Integrated Family Services
- Men & Boys Program
- TEACHaR
- Integrated Family Services
- Child FIRST

Temcare 03 9877 7729

www.temcare.org.au

- Respite Foster Care regular care in the home of a volunteer 1 weekend a month 2-12 years old Mates Mentoring – 1:1 mentoring support for teenagers 11-16
- Youth Workers outreach youth support
- Integrated Family Support support for families parenting/case management/advocacy/NDIS access/mental health/court support/referral support
- Counselling for children Play therapy /outreach in their school or creche / 3-12 years old / Evidence based psychotherapy promoting healing and growth for trauma/mental health and disability in children.

EACH Eastern Access Community Health each.com.au/services Phone: 1300 003 224

- Assistance in accessing NDIS **Services**
- · Childhood Intervention **Services**
- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy
- Counselling
- Dietetics
- Oral Health
- Playgroups
- Psychology
- · Child care
- Youth Clinic
- Youth Development
- Youth Counselling
- Youth Group programs
- Youth Mental Health support

DONCARE

Manningham City Square, Suite 4 L1/687 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster (03) 9856 1500

- Information & Emergency Relief
- Counselling
- Family Services
- Family Violence Prevention and Recovery Services

BEYOND BLUE 1300 22 4636 Support for depression and anxiety

HEADSPACE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Phone Counselling 1800 650 890 Hawthron (03) 9815 0818 Knox (03) 9801 6088

INPSPIRO COMMUNITY HEALTH

Lilydale · (03) 9738 8801 Belgrave (03) 9738 8853

RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

1300 364277

SANE AUSTRALIA 1800 18 7263 Mental illness and support information UNITING

Email: www.vt.uniting.org Phone: 1300 003 224

Uniting Burwood East Phone: (03) 9803 3400

Emergency Relief: 9:30am to 3:35pm Counselling: By appointment

Uniting Connections Blackburn 9875 4222 Croydon 9724 2222 Child FIRST, Family Services, Home-Start Scheme, Parenting Assessment and Skills Development Service, Starting Out

Uniting Harrison Mount Waverley (03) 9051 3000 Crisis assistance, Family Mediation, Youth Support, Affordable Housing

Uniting Wesley Croydon (03) 9839 6100 Ringwood (03) 8870 4070 Foster Care, Adolescent Support, Family Violence, Homelessness & Crisis

Uniting Prahran Kew East (03) 9692 9400 Mt Waverley (03) 9692 9400 Mental Health Support, Personal Helpers and Mentor Service

ParentZone Pods





Podcasts for parents, carers and those who support others with their parenting

The ParentZone Teams are delighted to bring you 6 ParentZone Pods for you and the families you support. Each Pod identifies and explores common issues parents bring to our parenting groups, and offers strategies to try in these situations.

Podcast Episodes Available Now!

Episode 1: Family Meetings - click here to listen

Episode 2: <u>Dealing with Anxiety</u> - click <u>here</u> to listen

Episode 3: Sibling Rivalry - click here to listen

Episode 4: Getting Children to Listen - click here to listen

Episode 5: How to Respond to Kids' Behaviour - click here to listen

Episode 6: <u>How to Stop Yelling at your Kids</u> - click here to listen

ParentZone Pods can be found on our website and via Spotify

PARENT*ZONE*

Partnering and Professional Training with ParentZone

Parent Educators Network

The next Parent Educators Network Meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd May from 9:30 - 11:30 am and we are very excited to announce it will be face to face at our new Box Hill Offices on Prospect St. Any professionals working with parents in the Eastern Region are welcome to join us in sharing resources, networking, and hearing from our informative guest speakers! We will have a virtual option for anyone who will be unable to travel on the day but we would be delighted to see as many as we can in the room.

This term we will hear from Steve O'Kane, Family Relationships Counsellor - Specialised Family Violence from EACH.

We will have time to connect, share resources, service updates and discuss emerging trends. Register for meeting link at https://www.trybooking.com/BYOUL

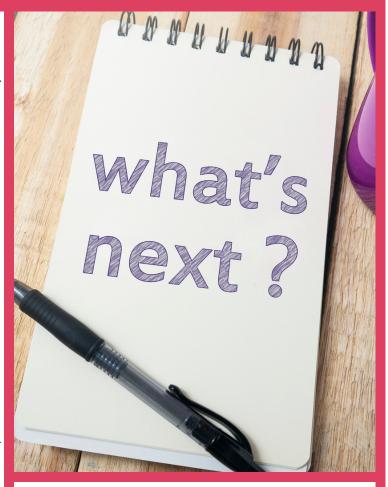
Stephen O'Kane (Steve) works as a Family Counsellor and a Specialist Family Violence Counsellor at the EACH Family Relationships Centre in Ringwood. He has previously worked in Crisis Homelessness and in the Court system assisting people who are either applicants or recipients of Intervention Orders or Criminal Charges.

He currently co-facilitates the Parenting Orders
Program which is a program often mandated by the
Federal Circuit and Family Court for co-parents. It is
a program designed to ensure the needs of children
are put first by parents seeking Court orders.
We look forward to Steve sharing his expertise and
learnings from his work.

ParentZone offers professional consults and training to professionals working with parents on a variety of themes and covering all ages and stages. If you would like to be on our mailing list to hear about future ParentZone events, or if you would like further information on training opportunities available through ParentZone please email: parentzone.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au We look forward to hearing from you!

Tamara, Sharon, Julia, Michelle, Laurie, and Jo

The ParentZone Eastern team,



ParentZone Newsletter Submission Dates What Are Your Plans for 2022?

As a Parent Resource Service, we are very interested in hearing from professionals who work with parents throughout the Eastern region of Melbourne.

What emerging needs have you identified? What upcoming programs and services is your organisation offering or planning to offer?

To submit an entry into future ParentZone newsletters please email parentzone.eastern@anglicarevic.org.au by the last day of each school term.