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St Robert's  
Newtown

8th May 2026

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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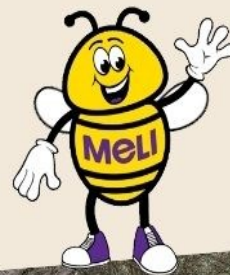
At St Robert's, taking Jesus as our model, we **INCLUDE**, we **CONNECT**, we act with **PURPOSE**.

## MELI

Join us for Open Day at

## Rix Street Kindergarten

Tuesday 19 May  
4.15pm - 5.00pm



**Disclaimer** : Provider's advertised in this Community News flyer are not endorsed by St Robert's Primary School. Providers approach the school to promote their service to our community. Parents / Guardians are advised to undertake their own checks to ensure operators follow Child Safe Practices & raise any questions direct to the program operators prior to commencement of any program or activity.

# PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Geelong & Barwon Southwest

Term 2, 2026



**Free parenting programs for families with children, babies to teens aged (0–18 years)**

## Programs delivered by:

**Geelong Regional Parenting Service, MELI, Catholic Care Victoria, and Drummond St Services**

- ✓ In person and online options
- ✓ Evidence based, supportive programs
- ✓ Delivered by trusted local services
- ✓ Bookings are essential for all programs

### NEW for 2026

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR JUNE**

#### **1-2-3 Emotion Coaching – Additional Needs**

This is a gentle, supportive program for parents and carers of children who experience big or unpredictable emotions.

Designed for families supporting children who are neurodivergent, have a developmental delay or disability, or need extra help with emotional regulation.

Using a simple 1-2-3 approach, parents learn to notice and name emotions, support calming through connection and co-regulation, and guide behaviour once emotions settle.

Flexible, practical strategies.  
No pressure, just support

### **Are you a new Grandparent? GRANDPARENTING PROGRAM**

Being a grandparent is one of the most exciting times in our life. A lot of information and safety recommendations have changed since we had our own children.

In this program join other grandparents as we look at:

- understanding and managing child behaviour
- connecting in meaningful ways to strengthen relationships
- safety tips
- looking after ourselves within the context of grandparenting
- where to find reliable information regarding raising children

**Expressions of Interest now open for April**

## Parent Education Events

Term 2, 2026

### PROGRAMS FOR BABIES & YOUNG CHILDREN (0–9 YEARS)

#### BUMPS TO BUBS

For: Young mothers and mothers-to-be (up to 23 years) with babies aged 0–1 year  
Bumps to Bubs brings young mothers together to support the journey of early parenting in a welcoming and supportive environment.

#### BUBS TO TOTS

For: Mothers (up to 24 years) with children aged 1–2 years  
Bubs to Tots supports mothers through shared learning, connection, and parenting education during the toddler years.

#### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS – THE FIRST 1000 DAYS

For: Parents with children under 2 years  
This program supports parents to understand early brain development, nurture secure relationships, and reflect on their own experiences of being parented.

#### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

For: Parents with children aged 12 months to 9 years  
This program supports parents to strengthen communication with their child/ren, build positive parent–child relationships, and encourage the development of children’s positive self-identity.

#### CIRCLE OF SECURITY

For: Parents of children aged 1-5 years  
Length: 8 weeks  
This program helps parents build strong, secure relationships by understanding children’s emotional needs and responding in ways that support healthy development.

### PROGRAMS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (4–12 YEARS)

#### TUNING IN TO KIDS

For: Parents of children aged 4–10 years  
Length: 6 weeks  
Supports parents to help children understand and manage emotions, strengthen relationships, and improve social and learning outcomes.

#### THE ANXIETY COACH

For: Parents of children aged 5–12 years  
Length: 5 weeks  
Focuses on understanding childhood anxiety and learning practical strategies to build resilience and confidence in children.

#### STRENGTHENING FAMILY CONNECTIONS

For: Parents and children aged 8–12 years  
Length: 8 weeks  
Supports families to build positive relationships, strengthen communication, and create a strong family culture.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENTS & TEENS (10–18 YEARS)

#### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS – ADOLESCENTS

For: Parents of children aged 10–17 years  
Length: 6 weeks  
Supports parents to stay connected with adolescents, understand behaviour, and manage the challenges of parenting during this stage.

#### TUNING IN TO TEENS

For: Parents of teens aged 12–18 years  
Length: 6 weeks  
Focuses on communication, emotional intelligence, adolescent development, and maintaining empathy and connection.

#### THE DAD WORKSHOP

This 6-week program will focus on giving you the tools you need to create a better life for your entire family.  
We will look at simple things you can do to improve:

- your relationship with yourself
- your relationship with your partner
- your relationship with your kids

#### OUR KIDS – PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION

For: Parents following separation  
Length: 6 weeks  
Supports parents to focus on children’s needs and develop helpful communication strategies after separation.

**Parent Education Events**




**Term 2, 2026**

Program	Location / Venue	Days / Dates	Time	Bookings
The Dad Workshop	Online Via Microsoft Teams	Thursdays 23 April - 28 May	7.00pm – 9.00pm	 <p><b>Regional Parenting Service</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting">www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting</a></p> <p>Ph: 5272 4741</p> 
Tuning in to Kids	Online Via Microsoft Teams	Tuesdays 21 April – 26 May	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
1, 2, 3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Adaptation	Norlane ARC 1-15 Cox Road, Norlane VIC	Thursdays 4 June – 25 June	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
BUGK First 1000 Days	Online Via Zoom	Thursdays 28 May - 25 June	7.00pm – 8.30pm	
Bringing up Great Kids	Virginia Todd Hall 9 Clarence St, Geelong West VIC	Thursdays 23 April - 28 May	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
Circle of Security	Highton Child and Family Centre 74 Belle Vue Avenue, Highton	Wednesdays 22 April - 3 June	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
Grandparenting program	Grovedale Child and Family Centre 45 Heyers Road, Grovedale	Thursdays 16 April - 7 May	1.30pm – 3.00pm	
Our Kids – Parenting after Separation (Parenting Orders Program)	Family Relationship Centre Level 1 92-100 Brougham Street, Geelong	Thursdays 30 April – 4 June	11.00am – 1.00pm	 <p><b>Family Relationship Centre - Geelong</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au">www.catholiccarevic.org.au</a></p> <p>Ph: 5221 7055</p>
Online parenting programs	Drummond St Services offer a range of online programs, please see their website for further details.	Various dates	Various times	 <p><b>Drummond Street Services</b></p> <p><a href="http://ds.org.au/events/">ds.org.au/events/</a></p>



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Various parenting programs	CatholicCare Victoria – Warrnambool offer a range of parenting programs, please see their website for further details.	Various dates	Various times	 <p><b>CatholicCare Victoria – Warrnambool</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au">www.catholiccarevic.org.au</a></p> <p>Ph: 5559 3000</p> <p>E: <a href="mailto:Marea.Sholly@catholiccarevic.org.au">Marea.Sholly@catholiccarevic.org.au</a></p>
Bringing up Great Kids (after family violence)	Meli 16 Ballarat Road, Hamlyn Heights	Mondays 4 May - 15 June	12.30pm – 2.30pm	 <p><b>Meli</b> Meli, the new name for BCYF and Bethany</p> <p><a href="http://www.meli.org.au">www.meli.org.au</a></p> <p>Ph: 5226 8900</p> 
Bumps to Bubs	Whittington Neighbourhood House 20 Worden Ct, Whittington	Tuesdays All term	9:30am – 11:30am	
Bringing up Great Kids	Korayn Birralee Family Centre 146-152 Purnell Road (corner Cheshire Street), Corio	Tuesdays 5 May - 16 June	9:30am – 11:30am	
Dads Tuning in to Kids	Poa Banyul 110 Unity Drive, Mt Duneed	Tuesdays 5 May - 16 June	5.30pm – 7.30pm	
Circle of Security	Meli 16 Ballarat Road, Hamlyn Heights	Wednesdays 29 April - 17 June	12.30pm – 2.30pm	
Tuning In to Teens	Whittington Neighbourhood House 20 Worden Ct, Whittington	Wednesdays 6 May - 10 June	12.30pm – 2.30pm	
Tuning In to Kids	Kurrambee Myaring Community Centre, 12 Merrijig Dr, Torquay	Thursdays 7 May - 11 June	10.30am – 12.30pm	
<b>To express your interest for the following programs please contact MELI</b>				
<b>Bumps to Bubs   Strengthening Family Connections   Bubs to Tots   Navigating Separation</b>				



# Help shape the future of buses in the Geelong, Bellarine Peninsula and Bannockburn region



Department of Transport and Planning



## TERM 2 KIDS ART @ WE Made.

### MONDAY

4:00-5:00  
Cardboard Cities  
(Craft)

5:30-6:30  
Mythical + Magical  
(Craft)

### TUESDAY

4:00-5:00  
Farm Animals  
(Painting)

5:30-6:30  
World of Colour  
(Painting)

### WEDNESDAY

4:00-5:00  
Watercolour Illustrations  
(Kids Drawing)

5:15-6:15  
Dreamscapes  
(Kids Craft)

6:30-7:30  
Teens Open Studio

Bookings essential via [we-made.com.au/book](https://we-made.com.au/book)  
8 weeks beginning April 27th 2026  
From \$275, Direct Debit or Pay in Full Available  
Kids classes are suitable for ages 5+  
Groups capped at 8 students  
11 Rutland St, Newtown



Scan for more info & to book



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ACADEMY

# GUITAR LESSONS FOR KIDS

Fun. Social. Confidence-Building.

Now Enrolling – Vines Road Community Centre

Ages 7–12 | Beginners Welcome



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Build Skills & Confidence



## About Arpeggio Academy

Arpeggio Academy delivers modern guitar lessons built on strong classical foundations. Our structured group model develops technical fluency, music literacy, ensemble skills, and performance confidence in a focused learning environment.



@ Vines Road Community Centre



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Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.



**7-12 YEAR OLDS**

Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

*\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

# HIGHTON ALL GIRLS

Highton Reserve

**STARTING MAY 25TH**

**MONDAYS 4:00PM - 5:00PM**

For further information contact:  
jordan.cochrane1@afl.com.au | 0417 727 519

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**SUPERKICK**





# JOIN OUR UNDER 11'S FOR THE WINTER NETBALL SEASON.

JOIN THE GIANTS UNDER 11'S  
FUN • FITNESS • NETBALL SKILLS • FRIENDSHIPS

PLAY SATURDAY - TRAIN WEDNESDAY  
OR  
PLAY TUESDAY - TRAIN THURSDAY

SATURDAY COMP STARTS 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
TUESDAY COMP STARTS 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

Contact Natasha on 0477 640 649



# STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR TEENS

Join Lael Stone for a practical and reassuring session on understanding adolescence and staying connected with your teen through the ups and downs.

This session explores the teenage brain, healthy boundaries and communication strategies that support strong relationships during this important stage.

Regional Parenting, along with Meli invite you to this FREE family forum.

This forum supports our ongoing commitment to strengthening family wellbeing, empowering parents, and building connected communities.



## MELI

WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

7.00pm-8.30pm

### VENUE

Norlane ARC  
1/9 Cox Rd, Norlane

### BOOKINGS

Scan the QR code  
or visit

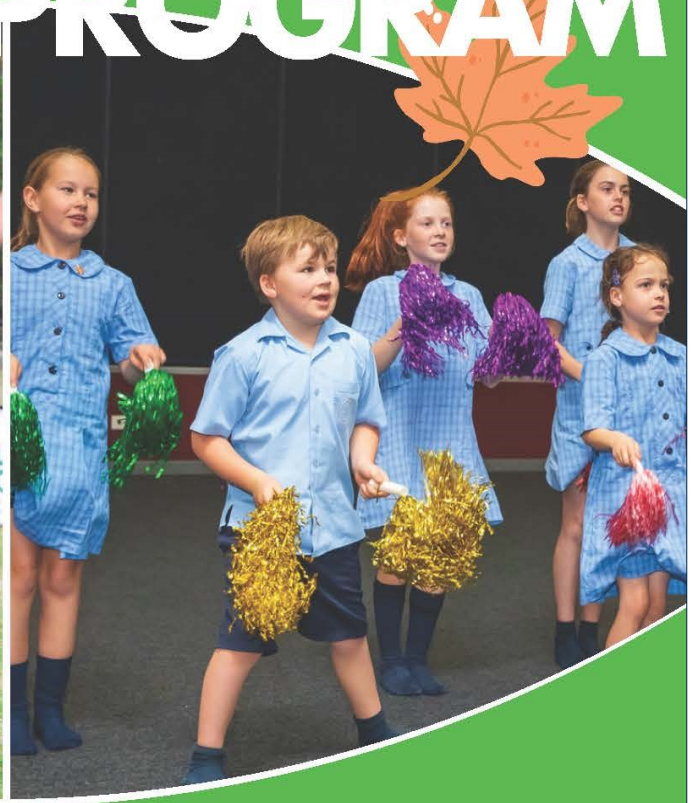


[geelong.link/TeenConnection](https://geelong.link/TeenConnection)

This is a FREE event but  
bookings are essential.



# TERM 2 PROGRAM



## ST ROBERTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### TUESDAY'S AFL ULTIMATE

21ST APRIL TO 23RD JUNE

3:20PM - 4:30PM

**\$200** + GST FOR 10 WEEKS

**SKILL PRACTICE - MODIFIED  
GAMES - MINI MATCHES**

### TUESDAY'S DANCE

21ST APRIL TO 23RD JUNE

11:15AM - 12PM - LUNCH TIME

**\$190** + GST FOR 10 WEEKS

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# DISCOVER YEAR 7 & BEYOND

AT OUR OPEN  
EVENINGS

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## **Bellarine Campus**

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm

## **Highton Campus**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm

## **Surf Coast Campus**

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 7pm

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*Scan here for more information  
and to register your interest!*

[www.christiancollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.christiancollege.vic.edu.au)



## SUPPORTING CHILDREN ONLINE + AI

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**FREE  
FAMILY  
FORUM**

**7.00PM - 9.00PM TUESDAY 19 MAY**

**POA BANYUL COMMUNITY HUB: 110 UNITY DR, MOUNT DUNED VIC**

Technology keeps changing — but the need for calm, confident family conversations hasn't.

This practical forum explores life online and with AI, supporting families to navigate screens, relationships and digital boundaries with confidence.

**Presented by City of Greater Geelong & BATForce.**



To register, simply scan the QR code

CITY OF GREATER  
**GEE LONG**



### Sew & Style: Fashion Accessories

For ages 9+  
Learn hand and machine sewing skills while making fashion accessories.  
With Simone Amethyst

MONDAY  
4 - 5:30 PM  
8-WEEKS  
\$285



### Furry Friends Art Studio

For ages 7+  
Build core drawing, painting and sculpting skills by creating artworks inspired by your pet & favourite animals with Natalie Iacono & Luke Matthews

TUESDAY  
4 - 5 PM  
8-WEEKS  
\$245



### Sew & Style: Young Makers Studio

For ages 6 +  
A playful introduction to sewing and crafting where young creatives build foundational skills through hands-on projects using yarn, fabrics, beads, and stitching.  
With Simone Amethyst

WEDNESDAY  
4:15 - 5:15 PM  
6-WEEKS  
\$185



### Character Illustration

For ages 8+  
Creative drawing skills workshop, design your own characters and bring them to life.  
With Melissa O'Shea

THURSDAY  
4 - 5PM  
8-WEEKS  
\$245



**BLUEBIRD**  
FOUNDATION INC.

### Term Two Workshops 2026

Small-group, artist-led workshops in art making, illustration and sewing.

Hosted in our cosy Bluebird House studio, sessions nurture creativity, confidence and self-expression in a gentle, welcoming space.

- ✓ NDIS invoices available
- ✓ Trial sessions welcome - get in touch to find the right fit

Check out our Teen Studio class (Thursday 5:15pm), and Adult Sewing, Felted Easter Eggs and Creative Mindfulness Workshops available on our website.

We can't wait to welcome you to Bluebird House.



Enrol: [bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/workshops](https://bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/workshops)

