



Williamstown
Community
and Education
Centre Inc

Newsletter February 2020

Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House
For Members, Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students, Parents,
Stakeholders, Centre users, Partners, Sponsors and Our Community

2019 HOBSONS BAY
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS
WINNER



Coming Up...

- Monday February 3, 2020. **Centre re opens** to the public. Term One starts.
- Wednesday February 5. **FREE Welcome Back BBQ**. 12./00 at Joan Kirner House. All welcome!
- Wednesday February 5, 12, 19 and 26. **FREE Community Morning Tea**. 11.00 am at Joan Kirner House.
- Wednesday February 5, 12, 19 and 26. **FREE** Barista style coffee, tea, hot chocolate and treats at the **Pop-Up Social Café**. Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am.
- Wednesday February 5, 12, 19 and 26. **FREE Willy Walking Group** from 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House.





Semester One 2020 Programs

Our new brochure with lots of new programs and services is available online at our website [HERE](#).

Hard copies are also available at Joan Kirner House and Spotswood Community House, or if you want copies sent to you, please ask.

Call 9397 6168.

New Programs!



Preschool Piano with Kerry |



Preschool Piano with Kerry offers a fun and education introduction to piano for children aged 3 to 5. In small groups of 4 to 6 children this 9-week program, will lay the foundation for a bright musical future in piano or other instruments.

Specifically designed for preschool kids, this program develops reading skills, active listening and fine motor skills while introducing the piano keys, rhythm and notation. We build on improvisation skills and learn about music through fun games and dance.

Starting music lessons at a young age has been shown to benefit childhood development. Intelligence, social skills, literacy and motor skills improve through exploring music in this structured and educational setting.

Encouraging participation and nurturing each child's creativity, imagination and uniqueness, this program supports self-expression and confidence.

Where: Spotswood Community Centre

Cost: \$15 30-minute lesson

Time: Monday and Tuesday mornings 9.30am and 10.15 am

Prior bookings essential

For enquiries and bookings please contact Kerry on 0402 950 315 or via email k-anne-t@hotmail.com



Tuning in to Kids is an evidenced-based parenting program that supports parents to build positive relationships with their children.

The program aims to support parents to:

- Understand the relationship between their children's emotions and their behaviour
- Support their children to manage strong emotions and deal with conflict
- Gain awareness and learn to regulate their own emotions
- Develop skills to assist children to verbally label their emotions
- Develop skills to assist children in problem solving
- Guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

When: Tue 18 Feb to Tue 24 March 2020

Time: 9:45-11:30

Where: Williamstown Community Education Centre (Joan Kirner House,) 14 Thompson st, Williamstown

Who is eligible? Parents of children aged 3 to 10 years who live in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne.

Note. Childminding is not provided for this parenting program.

Parents wishing to attend must book into this program.

To book into this parenting program phone Linda Baker 9680 8444



Present
Mindfulness Academy's

PARENTING WITH PRESENCE MONTHLY MEET UP GROUP



**FIRST
SESSION IS
FREE**

 @presentmindfulness

A conscious parenting support group
to help grow conscious kids.

**WILLIAMSTOWN COMMUNITY &
EDUCATION CENTRE 2020 SESSIONS**

7.00PM - 8.30PM
6TH FEB, 2ND APR, 4TH JUN, 6TH AUG, 1ST OCT

Contact Suzanne@pmacademy.com.au or
0430 151 953 to purchase tickets



Present
Mindfulness Academy
is hosting an

INTRO INTO PARENTING WITH PRESENCE



**TICKETS \$20
OR SEE OUR
TERMS ON
HOW TO COME
FOR FREE**

 @presentmindfulness

An investigation on what's really
going on behind your child's behavior

THU 20.02.2020 | 7PM-8.30PM
**WILLIAMSTOWN COMMUNITY &
EDUCATION CENTRE**

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JOEL GALLERY



Taste of Vietnam

ÁO DÀI Exhibition

Vietnamese Association
of Hobsons Bay

Saturday 15 to Thursday 27 February

Launch: Sat 15 February at 2pm



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Taste of Vietnam

Program

Sat 15 Feb 2pm-4pm	Community Launch
Sun 16 Feb 2pm-4pm	Concert: From the Vault- Vietnamese Popular Songs
Mon 17 Feb 12.30pm- 2.30pm	Homestyle Vietnamese Cooking with Ms Kim- My Kitchen Rules 2018 Finalist
Tue 18 Feb 7pm-9pm	Vietnam: A Professional and Personal Reflection with Dr Jamie Robertson AM
Thu 20 Feb 7pm-9pm	Áo Dài: The Traditional Customs of Vietnam with Myly Nguyen, Exhibitor
Sun 23 Feb 2pm-4pm	Traditional Embroidery Workshop. Presentation of Royal Court Music and Food for the Emperor with Bach Viet Dance Group

All events are free with a taste
of Vietnamese cuisine at each event

New Program! - 'Health My Way'

Our new *Health My Way* initiative is a Good Things Foundation program supported by the Australian Digital Health Agency.

Four million people in Australia have limited digital skills, however 22 million Australians now have an online summary of their health information on the My Health Record.

This project supports people to learn essential digital health literacy skills that are critical to ensuring every Australian has the ability to make informed, confident choices when it comes to supporting their health and wellbeing online.



Another successful student story!

Lynne, our Education Coordinator reporting on yet another great student outcome.

'Janice and her husband migrated from Venezuela seven years ago.

They were both University graduates and they had jobs in their home city, Maracaibo.

The economic crisis in Venezuela had forced them to make the decision to relocate to Australia.

While her husband started to work in his profession Janice began to study English at Williamstown Community and Education Centre (WCEC) and worked voluntarily at Food bank.

Her language skills improved and so did her confidence.

Last year Janice decided to study a Diploma in Early Childhood Education at Laverton Community Centre.

The course allowed her to continue to attend her SEE classes at WCEC.

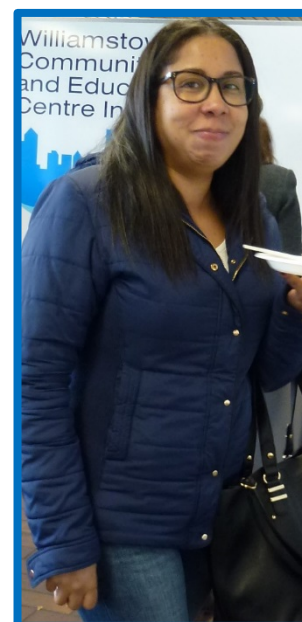
She did work placements at various Childcare Centres in the area, as part of the course.

Janice has recently finished her course and she has already done a job replacement for a few months.

She is very happy to be able to earn a living and do what she loves most, educating and caring for young children.

Now she is employed full time at Explorer Early Learning Childcare Centre in Williamstown.

We congratulate Janice for achieving so much in such a short time and we are glad that our Community Centre has been part of her success story.'



Committee Community Engagement!



Joanne Wheelahan from our Committee of Management attended the Hobsons Bay City Council Community Grants celebration on November 30, 2019.

Lucienne Galea, our Committee of Management Secretary attended the Gateways 25 years of service celebration on December 12, 2019.



Ongoing Programs

Active Neighbourhoods for Older Australians.

Three different exercise groups running at Joan Kirner House in Williamstown and Dulcie Shaw House in Altona North.

For details and to join, call Lynne on 9397 6168.



Supporting West Welcome Wagon Volunteer English Tutors.

Assisting the volunteer tutors helping refugees and asylum seekers learn English.

Funded by Hobsons Bay City Council to support West Welcome Wagon, a volunteer run not-for-profit dedicated to providing material aid and support to asylum seekers in Melbourne's west.



Building Digital Skills.

This is a joint Good Things Foundation charity and Australian Government initiative.

It is an Australia wide program aiming to empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world.



Activity Book for EAL Students.

An Adult Community and Further Education Board, Capacity and Innovation Fund grant to develop and design a student Activity Book focusing on Hobsons Bay, for teachers delivering pre-accredited English Language courses and the Accredited English as an Additional Language Framework Course.



Reflections

At the end of year break we repainted Joan Kirner House childcare, the staff room, office, room six and the toilets.

We also received and set up 14 brand new iPads thanks to the *Tim Watts Stronger Communities* Program

As mentioned last year, with our Victoria Registration and Qualifications Authority site audit we came out fully compliant.

Highlights from the Final Report we received in January include -

- *The RTO's training delivery, student services and management of operations were all of a very high level of compliance against the Standards.*
- *The RTO's training and assessment practices and the amount of training they deliver to students are strongly focused on the particular needs of their mostly CALD student cohort.*
- *The RTO's marketing materials are ethical, accurate and consistent with RTO's scope of registration.*
- *The RTO has strong set of policy and procedures and implements them consistently to support their compliance with the Conditions.*
- *Trainers and assessors have the necessary training and assessment competencies as determined by the National Quality Council or its successors and meet VRQA Guidelines.*
- *Outcomes of the continuous improvement sighted at audit included new teaching resources – texts, an upgraded class set of iPads and an upgraded computer training room and evidence of newly established links with local agencies such as the Police and Lifesaving Victoria.*
- *The RTO has extensive text and other resources for teacher and student use and a student library of English texts and reading.*
- *The RTO is linked to a range of community support services e.g., translation services, mediation services, counselling services, financial needs support, gambling support, emergency relief for food and accommodation.*
- *The RTO recognises the need for students to be supported to transition into Australian society so regular campus activities for students are held to help students engage with each other e.g. morning teas and BBQ lunches, and the community e.g. police visit.*

- *Students with disabilities are supported with appropriate equipment and learning resources, e.g. large print.*
- *The Quality Indicator student survey of 2019 showed the overall satisfaction was 85.2% in 2018 and 88.5% in 2019*
- *The RTO has monthly management meetings and the agenda and minutes showed that operations are reviewed regularly, and changes have been implemented.*

Well done to all involved. Excellent job!

NOTE - Committee, Staff and Volunteers please note – If you **don't** want your name and picture published in our Annual Report for 2019, please let me know?

Thanks.

Mark.

Dr Mark Brophy
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Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc