



Williamstown  
Community  
and Education  
Centre Inc

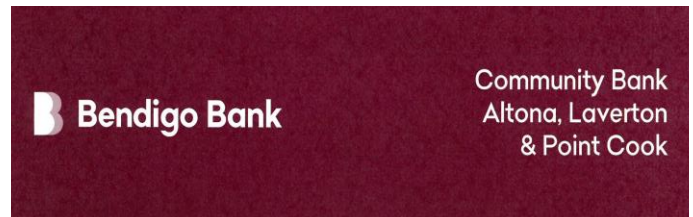
# Newsletter March 2023

Joan Kirner House Williamstown, Spotswood Community House,  
and Altona North Community House.

For Members, Committee, Staff, Volunteers, Students, Stakeholders, Centre users, Partners,  
Sponsors and Our Community.

## Coming Up...

- Wednesday March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. **FREE Willy Walking Group.** From 10.15 am to 11.00 am, starting at Joan Kirner House. Sponsored by Bendigo Bank. All welcome!
- Wednesday March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. **FREE Community Morning Tea** at Joan Kirner House at 11.00 am. Sponsored by Bendigo Bank. All welcome!
- Saturday March 11 to 21. **Cultural Diversity Week.**
- Monday March 13. **Labour Day public holiday.**
- Wednesday March 15. **FREE Cultural Diversity Week BBQ.** Joan Kirner House. 12.15 pm. All welcome!

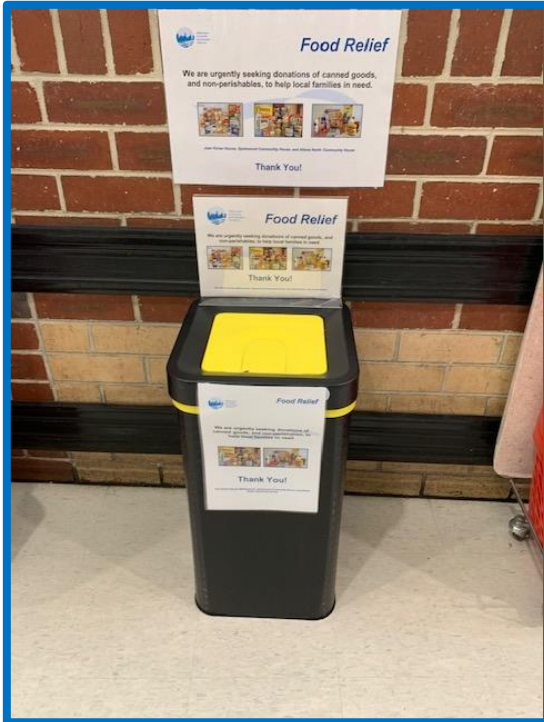


## What's been happening?

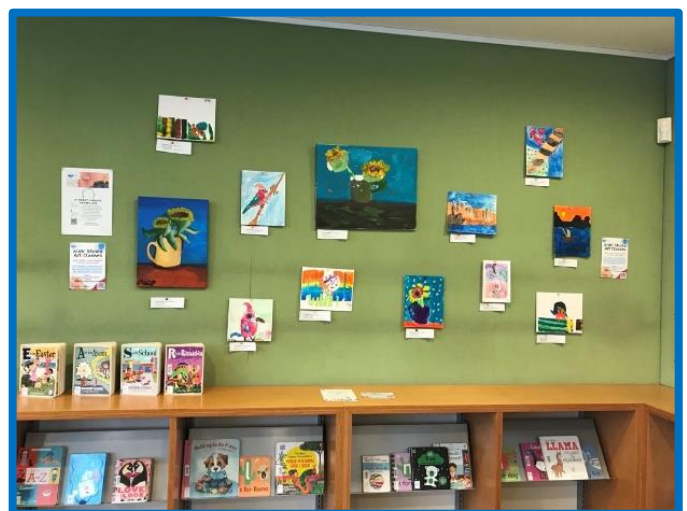
**NEW!** In partnership with Coles Williamstown, a new **Food Relief** donation point.

Donations of canned goods and non-perishables to help local families in need.

Located adjacent to Coles Reception.



**Shelly's Art Class for Kids** had a display at the Williamstown Library in February.





Good numbers returning to our **Community Morning Teas**.



After a lockdown hiatus, **Willy French Club** returns!

**WILLY  
FRENCH  
CLUB!**

**Fun French for kids**

**Wednesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm**  
**Willy Community Centre**  
**14 Thompson St**

**Register your interest today!**

Learning French through games, stories, songs and activities - a learning program designed especially for 5-12 year olds

Foreign language learning strengthens critical and creative thinking

**Ph. 0432 719 034**  
**[jim.callahan@lcclubs.com.au](mailto:jim.callahan@lcclubs.com.au)**  
**[www.lcclubs.com.au](http://www.lcclubs.com.au)**

# Want to learn English? Skills for Education and Employment program

The Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program helps eligible job seekers learn the skills they need to get the job they want by improving their language, reading, writing and maths skills.

**Locations:**  
Williamstown Community Education Centre  
14 Thompson St, Williamstown 3016

Laverton Community Education Centre  
12 Crown St, Laverton 3028

**Contact Us Today!**

P: (03) 9369 2726  
W: [www.lcec.vic.edu.au](http://www.lcec.vic.edu.au)  
E: [info@lcec.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@lcec.vic.edu.au)



## New programs at Joan Kirner House!

### CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support

**Now being delivered in Williamstown!**

**Start your career as a Teacher Aide or Teacher Assistant in a school or early childhood setting today!**

Laverton Community Education Centre in partnership with Williamstown Community Education Centre. This course is a full-time study load for Centrelink purposes.

<p><b>Course Details</b> Commencing 1st of May 2023 Study 2 days per week 29 weeks plus 100 hours of practical placement</p>	<p><b>Location</b> Joan Kirner House 14 Thompson St, Williamstown VIC 3016</p>	<p><b>No tuition fees*</b> \$145 for enrolment and materials fees</p>
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**Website:** [www.lcec.vic.edu.au](http://www.lcec.vic.edu.au)  
**Address:** 12 Crown Street  
Laverton, Victoria 3028

\*This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding subject to eligibility requirements. Enrolment in a funded place for this course may have a later impact on your ability to access future government funding. We encourage people of all abilities to apply.



## Holistic Integrated Creative Arts Therapy Practitioners Course



**Do you dream of a life filled with creativity and self-expression?**

Would you like to step into a career where you work for yourself, choose your own hours and make a great income, while helping people live happier healthier lives?

**Train to become an accredited Holistic Integrated Creative Arts Therapist.**

**Enrolling NOW at a campus near you!**



Find out more at

**The Soul-Full Mind College**

0400 585 016

[thesoul-fullmindcollege.com.au](http://thesoul-fullmindcollege.com.au)

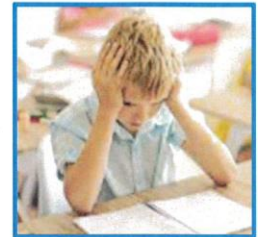


## Maths for Adults



$$11\frac{8}{9} + 5\frac{1}{4} =$$

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**Would you like to help your child with their Maths homework, but not feeling confident?**



You can help your child reach their potential.

You can help your child have a positive experience with Maths.

Delivered by a qualified and thoroughly experienced Maths Teacher.

For parents and carers who want to brush up on those old school Math principles, to help their children perform at their best in school.

1½ hours x 5-week program.

At Joan Kirner House.

14 Thompson St. Williamstown



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Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGCBA>



**Brainworks running at both Joan Kirner House and Altona North Community House!**

# Brainworks

Williamstown & Altona North Tutoring

that develops your child's skills and confidence



### Maths and English

#### Tutoring for Year 1- 10

The curriculum is individual for each student and includes number skills, maths concepts, essay writing and development, reading comprehension and language skills.

### Selective Entry &

#### Scholarship Exam Program

Selective school entry & scholarship exam preparation will help your child develop exam confidence and exam question familiarity.



**Term 1 Tutoring Special!**  
**Book in and your child will receive a FREE assessment and report in their first session followed by a FREE second session of tutoring.**

### Tutoring Sessions

**Williamstown** - Monday & Thursday 4.30 PM to 6.30 PM  
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM

**Joan Kirner House**

14 Thompson Street, Williamstown

**Altona North** - Monday & Thursday 4.30 PM to 6.30 PM  
Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 12 PM

**Altona North Community House**

7 Plover Street, Altona North



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For more information and bookings call Kumar or Ashok

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# Storytime Art

Fridays, 10:00-11:00am  
Stories & Art for Kinder Age:  
3-5yo with a caregiver.

Register:



[www.trybooking.com/BXLRZ](http://www.trybooking.com/BXLRZ)







## Summer 2023 News

[HERE](#)

8th Annual Charity Golf Day

Health and Wellbeing Day

Apply for a Grant.

Join the Philanthropy Club

Members, **Julie Noonan** and **Julie du Plessis** receive special recognition.

The poster features a large, round bouquet of white hydrangeas in a light blue vase. At the top center of the bouquet is a circular logo for "THE FLOWER GIRL BY LIZA ROSE" which includes a cartoon illustration of a girl with glasses and a floral crown. Below the bouquet, the text "PRESENTS" is written in a pink, serif font. The background is a dark blue gradient.

Fundraiser for Breast Cancer

Proudly supporting Cancer Council

# PINK HIGH TEA FLORISTRY EVENT

BOOK NOW MARCH 12 2023 BOOK NOW

## 1 PM - 4 PM

SEAVIEW WILLIAMSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

EARLY BIRD RELEASE TICKETS. CONTACT LIZA 0416 268 959  
BOOK ONLINE ► [WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CEQDX](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CEQDX)

DRESS CODE: STYLISH, WEAR ANY SHADE OF PINK







Come along to a

# Weekly Social Activity Group

With Amanda every Friday  
Art + Craft  
Guest Speakers  
Monthly Outings  
Wellbeing Activities  
Light Lunch provided

Starting Friday  
3 March 2023  
10am - 1pm

Are you under 65 years, and living in Hobsons Bay?

And, looking for a friendly activity and social group?



Enquiries

LOUIS JOEL  
ARTS & COMMUNITY

5 Sargood Street  
Altona VIC 3018  
p (03) 9398 2511

e: admin@ljac.com.au



## Our Jodie shines again!

VicTESOL is proud to present

### Teaching EAL/D through the Arts

Friday, 17 March 2023, 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm (AEST) - National Gallery of Victoria

In this highly interactive and energising afternoon of professional learning, EAL/D teachers will learn how to use a variety of performative (arts-based) techniques to invigorate their language teaching within the inspiring space of the NGV.

Performative language teaching enables learners to connect their brains, bodies and voices, leading to greater retention of language structures and more expressive verbal and non-verbal communication. This approach not only provides meaningful contexts for language use, but also enriches learning, engages students and teaches valuable life skills.

Participants will attend three workshops to gain hands-on experience using accessible music, dance and drama strategies, which can be applied to EAL/D classes across a range of ages, curricula and English levels. Carmel, Sharon, Sally and Jodie will also provide resources, including a Sing with me! Book/CD, to support teachers to apply the methods in their classrooms

Suitable for those with no experience or a wealth of it!

Registration available at: <https://victesol.vic.edu.au/index.php/event/teaching-eal-d-through-the-arts/>

#### Presenters



Sharon Duff, Sally Smith, Carmel Davies and Jodie Whitehurst

#### Cost

\$30 - VicTESOL members (including members of other state TESOL associations affiliated with ACTA)

\$60 - Non-member

*This event is made possible through a generous grant from the Collier Foundation.*



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**Reception Perception** – By Tahlia Kotiau

We were very grateful to Kate Dishon, Principal; Stacey Bourke, Deputy Principal, staff, and students at **Mount Saint Joseph Girls College (MSJ)**, for the generous donation of toys.

We were able to pass on the toys to Etsub Tadesse, from Cohealth, who launched **Kids Club** at Nelson Heights public housing in Williamstown. How special that Etsub and I are both past students at MSJ! It is inspiring to be able to work with MSJ and alumni to support our broader community.



Gosia Blaszczyk (ex WCEC student) and I attended our first **Scholarship Community of Practice** in February. We met with all scholars, MEGT Staff, and Victoria University educators to prepare us for our studies.

We were also interviewed for a documentary, which will commemorate the first round of the **Scholarships for Women**.

I'm looking forward to sharing updates throughout the year. Watch this space!

Serendipitously, Joan Kirner House was officially opened in 2003 by then Premier of Victoria and Local Member for Williamstown, **Steve Bracks**.

Twenty years later, as chancellor of Victoria University, Steve Bracks has signed off on my first Degree! Realising this was an incredibly meaningful 'little moment' for me.

Every day something new and interesting happens at WCEC. After three years working here (officially!), I'm continuing to be captured by the 'little moments and extraordinary people' that make our centre a utopia to belong. Wishing everyone a beautiful month ahead.

Tahlia.





## Manager's Musings

**It's been a great start to the year.** Groups and classes are back in full swing, and new enrolments are coming in. Willi Walking Group, morning teas and our start of year BBQ were all very well attended.

A big thanks to *Mount St. Joseph Girls' College*, and Tahlia, for organising a **toy drive** for disadvantaged local kids. Your generosity has put a smile on many faces.



As we move forward, we need community help to support our **food relief program** for disadvantaged families in our area.

Donations of tinned and non-perishable food items are urgently needed to keep the program running and assist those in need.

Please drop off your contributions at 14 Thompson St, Williamstown; or Coles Williamstown. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a big difference to those struggling to put food on the table.

In other news, we now have **two computers available** for locals to use, with an additional open access computer located in the foyer.

We were also successful with a new *Be Connected* grant which will be providing **IT training to 300 clients**. Tahlia will be working on this initiative, reaching out to local aged care providers.



We are pleased to report that our **2022 Financial Audit** received a clean bill of health from our auditor. Thanks to Lara for the detailed preparation.

Also, **Renee will be returning** to our centre from parental leave. Welcome back!

Finally, a notice to all Members – **Our AGM** will be on Tuesday May 9, 4.00 pm, in Room One at Joan Kirner House, 14 Thompson St. Williamstown. RSVPs to Tahlia on 9397 6168 or [admin@wcec.com.au](mailto:admin@wcec.com.au)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark.

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