

NEWSLETTER



Message from our CEO

The year is swiftly passing, and we've welcomed many new families into our service this term. Presently, our community boasts families fluent in over eight different languages.

The Community ABA program we introduced has gained popularity, with many families opting for a combination of centre based therapy and sessions in their kindergarten or childcare settings. This hybrid approach enables children to apply and integrate the skills learned at Abacus into their familiar environments.

As the term comes to a close, please note that we will be closed from Friday 29 March, and will resume our services on Monday 8 April 2024. Wishing you a delightful break!

Taimi Clinch
Chief Executive Officer



DIARY DATES

TERM 2 2024



Thursday 28 March 2024

Last day of Term 1

Friday 29 March 2024

Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 1 April 2024

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Monday 8 April 2024

Abacus Term 2 Commences

Thursday 25 April 2024

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 6 May 2024

Families Connect
'Toilet Training' Session

Monday 10 June 2024

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 13 June 2024

Play for Purpose Raffle
Draw 23 Closes



Friday 28 June 2024

Abacus end of Term 2

Guiding our families through school transition



families connect

Embarking on the journey to school marks a significant milestone in every child's life. For our families, this transition can evoke a sense of anxiety about the unknown, including concerns about selecting the best school and understanding how Abacus supports this process.

During our Families Connect session this term, Emma Miller guided our families through preparations for school transitions. We conducted two sessions, one of which was held virtually. Our families actively engaged in the discussion, posing numerous questions, and we also distributed an informative flyer to provide additional details to attendees.

Our next Families Connect session is scheduled for Monday 6 May on Toilet Training.





Gaining a better understanding through professional development with the Abacus team

The Mornington team at Nurse Next Door recently engaged in a Professional Development day organised by Abacus, focusing on Understanding Autism and Behaviour. The team demonstrated great enthusiasm as they absorbed valuable insights, placing special emphasis on practical strategies applicable to their support work environment. Abacus is delighted to have delivered this important training, especially as Nurse Next Door expands their services to include children in the region.

Nurse Next Door Mornington's care team is now available to provide respite support for families of autistic children.

They are able to assist either at the child's home or with community outings, including fun activities such as beach combing, play at a playground or organised outings. Days of the week and times, such as after school, or on weekends are all flexible.

For more information please email

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What are we working towards this year?

As a registered charity we rely on fundraising to manage the upkeep of our facilities and to purchase the right learning resources.

We hope you will assist us in achieving our goals for 2024, which include:



Shade Sails needed for our new playground and above our swing set at our Foundation Centre



Roofing (approx. 102 sqm) needs to be replaced in a rusted section at our Foundation Centre



Our Foundation Centre verandah requires sanding and repainting



Commercial Grade Carpet Tiles (approx. 145 sqm) needed for our play areas and offices in our Foundation Centre



Cladding (approx. 74 sqm), guttering and worn downpipes need replacing at the front of our Foundation Centre



Broken asphalt at our Discovery Centre needs to be repaired



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