

PARENT EDUCATION EVENTS

GEELONG & BARWON SOUTH WEST REGION – TERM 1, 2023



All Regional Parenting Service programs are free and will be offered face to face or online via Zoom. Bookings are essential. www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parenting or Ph: 5272 4741

GEELONG REGION

Programs provided by
City of Greater Geelong
Regional Parenting Service

FREE PARENTING FORUM

Parenting 101: Back to Basics
presented by **Andy McNeilly**

Date: Wednesday 22 March

Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Leopold Primary School, Kensington Rd, Leopold

Andy McNeilly is a Teacher, Author, Educator, Family Coach and most importantly a parent of three kids. Andy has been running simple and fun webinars and workshops to help parents create more connection with their children given the challenges of everyday life. Andy is passionate about helping others to build connected and loving families. Bookings to be made via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Parents will gain:

- Simple practical, easy ideas they can use at home with children to help build stronger family relationships;
- Improved self-confidence in communicating with children;
- Clear methods for connecting with kids;
- Creative ideas to help children become happier and more resilient.

TUNING IN TO TEENS

Dates: Tuesday 7 February – 14 March

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Online via Zoom)

Tuning in to Teens is a 6-week supportive program for parents of teens aged 12 to 18 years.

The program aims to:

- Support parents to connect and communicate with their teens;
- Assist parents with understanding adolescent development;
- Help parents to assist their teen to develop emotional intelligence;
- Remain empathetic and stay connected.

TUNING IN TO KIDS

Dates: Thursday 16 February – 23 March

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Online via Zoom)

Tuning in to Kids is a 6-week supportive program for parents of children aged 4 to 10 years.

The program aims to:

- Help parents teach and support their child/ren to understand and manage their emotions;
- Support parents in encouraging children to express emotions appropriately;
- Maximise children's social, behavioural and learning outcomes.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Dates: Tuesday 7 February – 28 March

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Wauron Ponds Library, 230 Pioneer Rd, Grovedale

Dates: Thursday 16 February – 6 April

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Corio Library, Cox Rd, Norlane

Circle of Security is an 8-week program for parents of children aged up to 8 years wanting to learn about the experiences of their child and how the parent and child relationship can be strengthened.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Dates: Wednesday 22 February – 29 March

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Virginia Todd Community Centre

9-15 Clarence St, Geelong West

Bringing up Great Kids is a 6-week supportive program for parents of children aged 12 months to 9 years.

The program aims to:

- Develop parents' skills to enhance communication with their children;
- Promote positive interactions between parents and their child/ren;
- Encourage the development of a child's positive self-identity.

NO MORE SCAREDY CATS

Reducing Anxiety & Building Resilience in Children

Dates: Wednesday 22 February – 15 March

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Online via Zoom)

A 4 week program for parents of children 5 – 12 years to gain an understanding of the increasing levels of anxiety in their child and strategies to help manage the “traps and tripwires” with strengthening sayings, questioning strategies and mindful exercises.

Expressions of Interest are being taken for the following programs

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

The First 1000 Days

The first 1,000 days of life is a program for parents with children aged under 2 years and designed to nurture parents as they embark on their journey. It provides parents with a knowledge about brain development and an understanding of how children grow and what they need. The centrality of family relationships and opportunities for parents to reflect on their own childhood and how to connect with their children are all explored.

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.

STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones is a 5-week program for families with a child who has a disability. The program aims to help parents use Positive Parenting to acquire new skills and knowledge. Skills are practiced and parents receive constructive feedback about their use of skills.

FLOURISHING FAMILIES

A 5-week program for parents with children of all ages to discover how you can help your family to flourish.

Learn about:

- How you can promote resilience;
- Increase awareness of your family’s strengths;
- Create and nurture positive family relationships;
- Give feedback to support individual growth.

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Available online via the Triple P website

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/vic-uken/triple-p/>

Programs provided by

Barwon Child Youth & Family (BCYF)

Contact BCYF regarding program delivery

Ph: 5226 8900 or www.bcyf.org.au

BUMPS TO BUMS

Dates: Wednesday 8 February – 29 March

Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Northern Bay Family Learning Centre

Goldsworthy Rd, Corio

Bumps to Bubs is a 10-week program and brings young mothers and mothers-to-be (up to 23 years) with babies 0-1 year, together to support the journey of parenting.

BUMPS TO TOTS

Dates: Thursday 9 February – 30 March

Time: 10.00am – 11.30am

Northern Bay Family Learning Centre

Goldsworthy Rd, Corio

The Bubs to Tots Group Program brings mothers (up to 24 years) and toddlers together to support parents with knowledge and skills to enhance children’s development in the 1–2-year age group.

TUNING IN TO KIDS

Dates: Thursday 16 February – 23 March

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

BCYF, 222 Malop St, Geelong

Tuning in to Kids is a 6-week supportive program for parents of children aged 3 years – 12 years. The program aims to:

- Encourage parents to effectively tune in to their children’s emotions;
- Supports parents to teach their children how to understand and regulate their emotions;
- Helps parents respond to and foster their child’s individual needs.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Dates: Tuesday 14 February – 21 March

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Northern Bay Family Learning Centre, Goldsworthy Rd, Corio

Circle of Security is an 8-week supportive program for parents of children aged birth – 5 years.

The program aims to:

- Help parents understand how to build feelings of security for children in their early years;
- Assist parents with skills to build on the positive relationship with their child;
- Develop confidence in parents to respond to their child in a way which builds a secure foundation for children.

TUNING IN TO TEENS

Dates: Thursday 16 February – 23 March

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Kurrambee Myaring Community Centre

12 Merrijug Drive, Torquay

Tuning in to Teens is a 6-week supportive program for parents of adolescents aged 10 years to 18 years.

The program aims to:

- Support parents to connect and communicate with their teen;
- Assist parents with understanding adolescent development;
- Help parents to assist their teen to manage emotions and develop emotional intelligence.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Date: Tuesday 14 February – 21 March

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Korayn Birrale Family Centre, 146 Purnell Rd, Corio

Bringing Up Great Kids is a 6-week supportive program for parents of children aged 12 months – 12 years.

The program aims to:

- Support parents with the skills to enhance their communication with their children;
- Promote positive interactions between parent and child;
- Encourage the development of children's positive self-identity.

**Programs provided by
Family Relationship Centre**

**Contact the Parenting Orders Program at the
Family Relationship Centre - Ph: 5246 5600**

OUR KIDS – Parenting After Separation

Tuesday 7 February – 14 March, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 9 February – 16 March, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Our Kids is a 6-week course on parenting after separation and the impact of parental conflict on children. The course encourages parents to focus on the needs of their children and develop helpful communication strategies following separation. Courses run during school terms. Evening in-person sessions are available. Cost: \$60 - \$150 (conc. available)

**Programs provided by
Drummond St Services**

**For information on Drummond St seminars
and groups www.ds.org.au/events/**

Drummond Street Services provide services for People, Families & Community.

For further information about our programs please follow this link: www.ds.org.au or call 03 9663 6733.

BARWON SOUTH WEST REGION

**Programs provided by
CatholicCare Victoria in partnership with
Warrnambool City Council & Moyne Shire**

Registrations are compulsory to attend

Email: Andrea.clarke@centacareballarat.org.au

Ph: 5337 8943

LIVING WITH TEENS

Dates: Tuesday 7 February – 21 February

Online via Zoom

A model for building strong, secure connections. Living with Teens is a 3-week program.

The program aims to cover:

- What parents need to be able to meet teen's needs;
- What teens need from parents;
- Adolescent development.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Dates: Wednesday 15 February – 5 April

Online via Zoom

Circle of Security is an 8-week relationship-based parenting program.

The program aims to cover:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs;
- Honour the innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure;
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions;
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

In collaboration with Moyne Shire Council

Dates: Thursday 2 February – 23 March

Circle of Security is an 8-week relationship-based parenting program.

The program aims to cover:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs;
- Honour the innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure;
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions;
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.