



Outer East KESO Team Newsletter

26th October 2022

“The Outer East KESO team acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Custodians of Country and recognises their continuing connection to land, sea, culture, and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.”

Aboriginal people whose traditional lands and waters exist within the boundaries that today frame the state of Victoria are often collectively called Koorie peoples or Koories. Koorie is a contemporary collective or group term. Throughout this Newsletter, the term ‘Koorie’ is used inclusively and refers to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Victoria.”

Welcome to the sixth edition of the KESO Newsletter for 2022. We acknowledge that it has again been a challenging year and we like to take this opportunity to thank the students, their families, and the teaching staff for getting through the year.

If there is anything that you or your child would like to talk about, please contact your kindergarten, primary school, or secondary school. You can also contact your KESO for support or visit the [Department of Education and Training Victoria](#) website.

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Good News Story

Marrung Lead in NEVR Schools

We are happy to announce Marrung Leads have recently been appointed across the region.

'Marrung' is Department of Education and Training's (DET) Aboriginal Education Plan to ensure that all Indigenous Victorians achieve their learning aspirations. The Marrung education plan is aimed at improving performance and success of Koorie students in Victoria and close the gap in their educational outcomes.

The introduction of the Marrung Lead commitment will assist greatly to support better Koorie student and family engagement and learning through strong advocacy for a whole of school approach utilising the Individual Education Plan (IEP) as the fundamental key platform to improve learning and engagement.

The key responsibilities of the Marrung Lead are:

- Support the school with understanding of Koorie student/family safety and the implementation of Marrung priorities
- Monitoring attendance of all Koorie students
- Regular engagement with Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO)
- Ensure all Koorie students have a high-quality Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Ensure Student Support Groups (SSGs) meet regularly to review and update IEPs
- Ensure Koorie students and families participate fully and feel empowered in SSG meetings
- Support a culture of high expectations and aspirations for every Koorie student
- Provide (and broker) expert advice and support for staff in the effective inclusion of all Koorie students

Last week, a Meet and Greet, followed by a Professional Learning session with our Marrung Area Implementation Team and Koorie workforce was held and was positively attended by many schools within the region.

Events and Activities



The Australian Wars – Youth Education Resources

Blackfellas Films and SBS Learn have collaborated with Culture for Life to publish curriculum-aligned education resources about the Frontier Wars.

Culture is Life have produced extensive curriculum aligned resources for levels 10-12, freely accessible on Culture is Life's website! Classroom ready short clips with aligned resources for Levels 9-12 can be accessed also on [SBS Learn](#) including essential Cultural Considerations for teachers before delivering in the classroom.

The Australian Wars Education Resources analyse the documentary, explore the ongoing impacts of colonisation and highlight historical perspectives. The resources will also provide an insight into the immense value that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander oral histories possess, with a focus on local history, and encourage schools to engage with their local communities for further learning opportunities.

Visit Link: [The Australian Wars - Culture is Life The Australian Wars](#) for more information.

Nugal Murrup Buladu (Belong Spirit Grow)

Tips for you and your child to guide their early years education journey.


Visit Link: [Clip 1 Early Start Kindergarten \(vacca.org\)](#)

Do you have any documentation that needs to be addressed but you do not know where to begin.

Register now for **FREE** Assistance with Social Media or Documentation Support

Life Skills Program


All Welcome



Healesville Living and Learning Centre
1 Badger Creek Road,
Healesville
Call 5962 5982 for details

MYGOV - LINKING SERVICES
BILLING OR BPAY PAYMENTS
ONLINE APPLICATIONS
ENROLLING TO VOTE
ASSISTANCE WITH STUDY
RESUME WRITING
Any ONLINE SUPPORT OR DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED

WIFI AVAILABLE



SAVE THE DATE


Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place
TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Centre
Are proud to acknowledge White Ribbon Day with a
Community march against violence.

**COMMUNITY MARCH AROUND LILYDALE LAKE
CULTURAL STRING MAKING WORKSHOP
YIDAKI (DIGERIDOO) SOUND OUT BY VARIOUS ARTISTS
LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS**



**WHERE: LILYDALE LAKE, MEETING AT
COMMUNITY ROOM OVAL.**
WHEN: FRIDAY THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER
TIME: 10:00AM-2:00PM

To register, call Steve on 0400 663 670
or via email at eapw@mimgp.org.au







Expression on Interest


Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (LAECG)

Come and be part of your local LAECG Yarn and learn more about what's going on in your community's schools. Help make a positive impact on how education is delivered for our Mob, by our Mob.

LAECG roles include:

-  Tracking current trends that impact on all Koorie learners
-  Support and advocate for Koorie learners and their families
-  Giving advice on all education and training matters that affect Koorie students.
-  Represent on behalf of your community to local and regional forums relating to education.

For more information, contact:
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**Next Inner / Outer East Metro
LAECG Meeting**

**Wednesday, 2 November
10:30AM - 12:00PM**

**Rooms 4 & 5 MC Square, 687
Doncaster Road, Doncaster**



Early Childhood Approach



Delivering the NDIS in your community
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Link Health and Community is the Early Childhood Partner delivering the Early Childhood Approach for children under 7 in Outer East Melbourne, Inner East Melbourne, Southern Melbourne, Inner Gippsland and Outer Gippsland for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

You can access the Early Childhood Approach if your child is under 7 years old and:

- You have concerns about your child's development; or
- Your child has a disability

We are here to support you to make informed choices about available services and supports to get the best outcomes for your child. We will tailor our support to your child's individual needs and circumstances.

Some of the ways we may assist you are:

- Understanding the goals you have for your child
- Connecting you with practical information to help you understand your child's developmental needs
- Connecting you and your child with services and supports in your local community
- We may provide you with a short period of early supports
- We will support you to apply to the NDIS, if you decide to apply on your child's behalf
- If your child becomes an NDIS participant, we will work with you to develop an NDIS plan.

Contact Link Health and Community on 1800 546 532 to speak with our qualified and experienced early childhood team or email ecei.link.lchs@ndis.gov.au.

www.linkhc.org.au

Artwork by Dixon Patten (Yorta Yorta and Gunaai artists)

Scholarship Opportunities

We are excited to announce Marrung Education Scholarships are now OPEN!!

Marrung Education Scholarships support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to complete years 11 and 12 in 2023 - 2024. There are 30 scholarships of \$5,000 each (\$2,500 per year over two years) available.

The scholarship recognise students who demonstrate a high potential to succeed in their chosen pathway.

Who can apply?

Marrung education scholarships are for students who are:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- completing year 10 at a Victorian government school
- planning on completing year 11 and 12 at a Victorian government school.

Follow the link below and scroll down to: Marrung education scholarships, how to apply along with the Application form and Guidelines

[Marrung | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

Applications CLOSE: Friday 18th of November so get your application in now!

If you have any questions regarding the Marrung Education Scholarships you can contact Vicki Burgess at: marrung@education.vic.gov.au 0425 773 494 or please feel free to get in contact with your KESO for further assistance.

Koorie Education Workforce

If you need any advice or support, please contact one of the team members or alternatively you can make contact via nevr.koorie.outereast@education.vic.gov.au

Koorie Education Coordinator (KEC)



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KESOs are area-based professionals that provide:

- advice to schools and early years services about culturally inclusive learning environments
- co-ordination of services to facilitate improved engagement of Koorie children and young people
- can attend Student Support Group meetings (SSG's) if the student, family, or school require.

Community Contact Details



VICTORIA ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION INC

VAEAI is a state-wide Koorie Community organisation consisting of eight regions. These regions are divided based on traditional networks with several Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) within each region. Click [here](#) for further details.

Framed around significant events throughout the calendar year, the interactive [Koorie Education Calendar \(2022\)](#) has been developed by VAEAI to assist educators and learners alike. The Calendar draws the learner to Victorian Koorie voices, stories, and achievements, and features Koorie leaders, artists, authors, playwrights and more. The Calendar is updated annually and can assist schools in planning for key events and locating information about Victorian Koorie cultures, histories, and perspectives. Designed to be viewed online and printed on A3 paper for planning.

Any queries or feedback about these resources, please contact vaso@vaeai.org.au.

LAECG (Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group)

LAECGs operate to support parents of Aboriginal students to discuss Koorie education initiatives within their local community.

To find out more information and to participate contact your local LAECG Chairperson:

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