



# Kensington Primary School Newsletter

## 6th October 2016

McCracken Street Kensington Vic 3031

Phone: (03) 9376 6013 Fax (03) 9376 4574

[www.kensingtonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.kensingtonps.vic.edu.au) E-mail: [Kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Care Program: 0478 155 322

Principal: Nigel Holloway Assistant Principal: Julie Stephens



## Upcoming Events

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>October</b>	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 5.00pm	Grade 1/2 Excursion to CERES Finance & Facilities Meeting
	Frid 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Grade 5/6 Excursion Planet Walk Grade 3/4 Cricket Carnival
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm-4.30pm 6pm	Art's Project Launch – All welcome Care Program Meeting
	Thur 20 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Education Meeting
	Frid 21 <sup>st</sup>	9-11am	Interschool Sport
	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	4 -5pm 7pm	Hour of Power Working Bee School Council Meeting
	Frid 28 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Interschool Sports
<b>November</b>	Frid 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am 11.30 – 1.30pm	Interschool Sports Yr 3/4 MAC Science
	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 – 11am	Prep (Foundation) Transition 2017 Session 1
	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 -3.15pm	Grade 5/6 Excursion to Planetarium
	Frid 11 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Interschool Sports Yr 3/4 MAC Science
	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Prep (Foundation) Transition 2017 Session 2

## Did you know?

### Hats for Term 4

In Term 4 school hats are compulsory – we all need to protect ourselves from the harmful rays of the sun. If your child does not bring a hat to school they will be required to play in the shade during recess and lunchtime. Hats can be purchased from the school office and uniform shop for \$10. Please note we do not have “spare” hats to loan to the children who have forgotten their own.

**Our school day starts at 8.50am.** Children can be dropped off from 8.45am when the playground will be supervised by a member of staff. If you need to bring your child prior to this time they must be signed into the Before Care program to ensure they are properly supervised.

## Nigel's Natter

---

Hello and welcome to Term 4! I hope all our families had a safe and restful holiday. It was lovely visiting classrooms today hearing about the many adventures ranging from overseas journeys to family game nights. Term 4 is going to be a busy term with many school events and activities including swimming, reports, staffing planning for 2017, transition activities and much more. I'm looking forward to a really productive Term.

### ATTENDANCE

At assembly this week I reminded all our children about the importance of getting to school on time. We made a great improvement late last term and I would like to see that continue through until the end of the school year. One of the children wondered if we could count the number of days where there were zero students late to school. Challenge accepted. So far, our grand total of days with nobody late is...zero! The only way is up.

### REPORTING

Student Semester 2 reports go home this term. In the coming weeks staff will be making contact with families regarding any concerns they have about individual children's progress. There should be no surprises in the report. Along with the report, you will also receive a feedback form. We are very keen to hear your thoughts about the reports, the information they contain; strengths and areas for improvement in terms of how we report to parents. Many schools are moving to a more dynamic or ongoing style of reports so we will be seeking your input about our reporting format moving forward.

### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

I want to inform you that we have now completed our Child Safe Standards self-assessment. We, like most schools are partially compliant at this point in time. This is because we have a number of school policies that are being reviewed by School Council. Once these policies are ratified, we will make them available on the school website for your reference.

### PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

It has been confirmed this week by DET that we will be receiving a brand new 2 story portable classroom to ensure we have adequate classroom spaces in the future. We are very lucky to have been offered a 2 story building as this is a far better outcome than receiving 2 single story buildings. On Wednesday this week Julie and I met with a representative from DET and the contractor responsible for delivery and installation of the building. We completed a site inspection and discussed the buildings location and the many factors that impact on this decision. We are now waiting for further advice from the contractors about where the building will be placed. This will be dependent on a range of factors including emergency access to the school, location of essential services, cost etc. At this moment there are two options on the table. Option 1 is for the building to be placed in the staff carpark. Option 2 is for the building to be placed along the fence line of Harper Street. I will continue to advise you as I have more information.

### TERM 4 OVERVIEWS

A reminder that Term 4 overviews will be available on the school website from early next week. The overviews will give you a board overview of the curriculum areas / concepts being explored by your child's class during Term 4.

### NO HAT, NO PLAY – NO FUN TODAY

All students are required to wear a hat during all outdoor activity this term. Students without an appropriate hat will remain under shade for recess and lunch. No hat definitely means no play.

### HOUR OF POWER REMINDER - WORKING BEE

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October we will be testing out a different format of working bee called the HOUR OF POWER. If you are available between 4 and 5 to lend a hand, meet in the HOF foyer and we will see what we can get done in an hour. There will be gardening, general tidy up, some furniture moving etc. If you have a broom / shovel etc, bring them along. ***If you plan on attending to lend a hand, please let the office know so we can plan what jobs we will be able to get done in an hour.*** Many hands make light work.

## DIGITAL LEARNING

Three grades, 1/2F, 3/4M and 5/6R began their investigation into what make a responsible digital citizen this week. Students have been thinking, talking and taking part in activities about safe and responsible behaviour online. Their digital citizenship learning is getting them ready to begin using the Google Apps for Education (GAFE) suite in the next few weeks. GAFE is a suite of online tools which allows students to collaborate and share their learning online within a “walled garden” environment (on online space that students log into using Department of Education (DET) created logins and which is only accessible to DET staff and students). An essential focus when students begin using these tools will be on how these tools can allow them to engage with learning in ways that they couldn't using pen and paper tools, and also, how to make critical choices about when digital or non-digital tools are the most suitable tool for what they are aiming to achieve.

## LAUNCH DATE REMINDER

**17<sup>th</sup> October from 3:45 – 4:30** is the LAUNCH date for our community arts project. We would love for you to come along to help us celebrate this wonderful project. Invitations will be sent home this week.

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE UPDATE

The draft contract for OSHclub for Out of School Hours Care in 2017 has now been checked over by DET Legal. School Council will now give the contract consideration prior to it being signed off.

## PLANNING FOR 2017:

If you know that your children will not be attending Kensington Primary School in 2017 we would appreciate you contacting the office with that information ASAP. Your early assistance with this will help us with our class formation and structures.

## BRAIN BENDER

What is the only word in the dictionary spelt incorrectly?

# Art News

---

## Launch of the community arts project.

We are having a community celebration to officially open the paper plane art project on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45 – 4.30 in the gathering space under the big plane.

There will be speeches, the cutting of a ribbon and a chance to mingle chat and admire the artwork recently installed around the school.

As an added bonus there will be prep clay and 1-2 masks, 3-4 clay and 5-6 perspective drawings on exhibition for you to enjoy.

**Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.**

Warm regards,  
Linda Weisser



## Plantmania Cooking & Gardening News

Last term, we had the pleasure of working with all the grade 3/4 grades and their teachers. The program had a transition focus so groups were a combination of two grades, giving students the opportunity to work with others at the same year level. The results were magical! All students are really making us proud. They are demonstrating the ability to tackle multi-layered tasks, work together happily and co-operatively, as well as evaluate their effort and behaviour honestly.

On Wednesday, we made a fantastic start to this term, with our grade six "Bake Offs". Students from Viv and Hayley's classes worked together in small groups to produce a cake of their choice. In the kitchen, group performance was evaluated on their ability to organise what's needed, work together, problem-solve and demonstrate initiative. (Not to mention clean up after themselves!) Their cakes were judged by their peers, on the basis of presentation and of course, taste. While the grade sixes produced the goods in the kitchen, the grade fives worked with their teachers to make delicious pizzas for everyone to enjoy.

Once again I would like to thank the parents from all classes, who never fail to give up their time to support this program. A special thank-you goes to Tania, who as our own 'Luke Beveridge'. Her contributions on so many levels are endless!

Next week, we are looking forward to working with Rachel's and Kim's senior students. The rest of the term will see preps & grade 1/2 classes combining to work together and have fun via the kitchen and gardening program. You're always welcome to come along and join in the action.



**Kay Headland**

### Plantmania Scone Recipe

1 Cup Cream  
1 Cup Lemonade  
3 Cups Self-Raising Flour  
Pinch of salt  
Jam and Cream to serve

1. Place all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Mix lightly until combined.
3. Knead lightly and cut out with a scone cutter.
4. Bake 15-20mins at 200C or 180C (fan forced).

# Program of Inquiry

## Kensington Primary School

### Program of Inquiry- Term 4, 2016

#### Prep

**BIG IDEA**

What is a family?

**KEY UNDERSTANDINGS**

Families are similar and different

Families have their own history

Families have their own traditions

**KEY QUESTIONS**

Are all families the same?

How does a family change over time?

How do families celebrate in different ways?

#### 1-2

**BIG IDEA**

We use Earth's resources to survive

**KEY UNDERSTANDINGS**

Earth has resources that we use in a variety of ways

The resources we use may come from anywhere in the world

Places produce resources that can be used locally or elsewhere

Resources must be managed carefully

**KEY QUESTIONS**

What resources do we need in our everyday lives?

What kinds of resources are produced locally?

Why is it important to manage resources carefully?

#### 3-4

**BIG IDEA**

Living things, such as plants and animals, have life cycles

**KEY UNDERSTANDINGS**

The world is made up of living and non-living things

There is a relationship between living and non-living things

Living things depend on the environment and each other for survival

**KEY QUESTIONS**

How do we classify living and non-living things

How are the life cycles of plants and animals similar and different?

How do humans influence life cycles?

#### 5-6

**BIG IDEA**

The Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (sun)

**KEY UNDERSTANDINGS**

There are similarities and differences between the movement of the Sun, Moon and stars

The Sun, Moon and Stars appear in the sky over a period of several hours

The Earth is part of a solar system orbiting the Sun while it rotates on its axis

**KEY QUESTIONS**

How do we know that the Earth is part of a system of planets orbiting a star (the Sun)?

How does the appearance of constellations at different times of the year connect with the Earth orbiting the sun?

What are the characteristics of objects in the solar system?

## Music News

---

### EARLY BIRD CHOIR AUDITIONS

Early Bird Choir auditions will be held next Tuesday and Friday lunchtime in the music room. Students do not need to prepare a song for the audition. Each student will be provided with feedback on how they went following the audition. There are approximately 5 spots available.

If a student is successful in their audition they will be required to attend an 8am rehearsal every Thursday morning as well as numerous extra rehearsals in the lead up to performances across the year. Members are also required to practice their music at home.

**Brooke Johnson**

**Performing Arts Co-Ordinator**

## OSHClub News

---

Hello families,

### **Welcome back for term 4!**

For the first few weeks of term, we will be focusing on the children's social and emotional well-being as we all settle back in. Children face challenges each day as they interact with their peers and are developing the social and emotional skills required to communicate with their peers, learn to read a situation and to share roles and responsibilities in their community. You will see many group activities as well as hear the children talking about how they can control their big emotions in a group environment.

Activities this week include the story of Tucker Turtle, yoga, meditation, a team fitness circuit, the creation of an emotion faces wall, word at a time stories and a kids catch up meeting to start the term. And of course always lots of fun!!

### **Get involved at OshClub**

It's great to see so many parents taking an active interest in the before & after school care program and asking lots of questions. Parents you are welcome anytime should you wish to participate in the program or just see what happens in OshClub.

- Join us for breakfast
- Cook a favourite family dish with the children
- Teach the children a new sport
- Share a hobby
- Or just hang out.

The skills and knowledge you have to share with the children is valuable to their community awareness.

Grandparents welcome too!

## Just a reminder:

**Hats & Sunscreen:** Just as in school time, hats and sunscreen must be worn should children wish to play outside. No hat No play. Should your child use a special sunscreen due to allergies or skin irritation please supply an alternate sunscreen which can be used at the program.

**Making or Cancelling a booking within 24hrs:** If you need to make or cancel a booking for your child within 24 hours of the booking time, send a text to the OshClub mobile **0478 155 322**. We then know to expect your child and can staff accordingly. Bookings and cancellations cannot be made via the OshClub website within 24 hours of the booked session.

See you at OshClub!!

From Kylie, Pauline, Desiree, Maranda, Doyle, Ruby, Georgia, Jo, Nick, Ryan, Jack, Beth, Christine & Jack.

## Brain Bender Answer

---

### BRAIN BENDER ANSWER

Incorrectly.

## Community News

---

The Department of Education & Kensington Primary School do not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education or Kensington.



Term 4

2016

Taking

Spring has sprung so it's time to blow away the cobwebs with our **Super Spring Sports program**. Not only will you have a great time with your friends, our experienced coaches will help you learn some great new skills.

Term 4 will see children experience popular sports and try some new ones as well! They will learn some new games that will improve their hand eye co-ordination. This term we are focusing on **Soccer, Crazy Games, T Ball, Cricket and Basketball**.

Kelly sports is a wonderful opportunity for your child to develop key sporting skills and inspire them to give sport a go as they improve their catching, throwing, striking, running and jumping.

**So if you are in Prep to grade 4** , come and see what 40 000 thousand Australian kids do at the end of their school day.

So what are you waiting for! Look out for our fliers and come out and join us.

For more information call Kelly Sports Essendon on 93842204 or email [sonya@kellysports.com.au](mailto:sonya@kellysports.com.au) or checkout our website [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au)



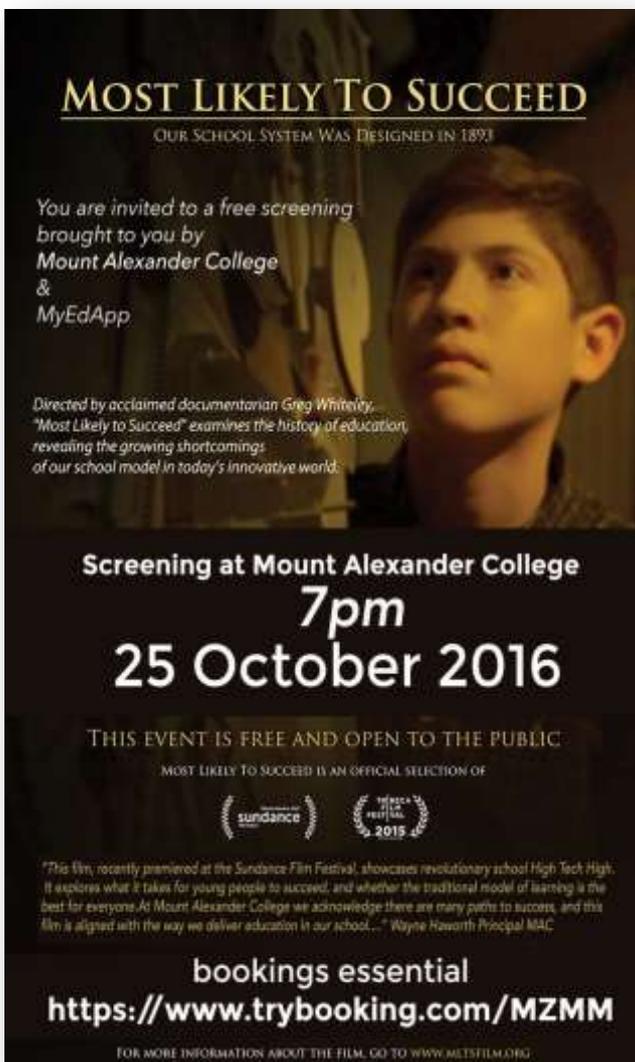
Mount Alexander College invites your school community to a free screening of the award winning documentary Most Likely to Succeed at 7pm on 25 October.

It's a fabulous opportunity for your school community to see how we can reimagine what students and teachers are capable of doing.

Bring the family, bring your friends.

"The 21st century is going to be all about building, creating, and innovating. This remarkable film shows a path of how we can empower all of our children to do that." Sal Khan, Khan Academy

Bookings are essential through TryBooking <https://www.trybooking.com/MZMM>



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED IN 1893

You are invited to a free screening brought to you by Mount Alexander College & MyEdApp

Directed by acclaimed documentarian Greg Whiteley, "Most Likely to Succeed" examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of our school model in today's innovative world.

Screening at Mount Alexander College  
**7pm**  
**25 October 2016**

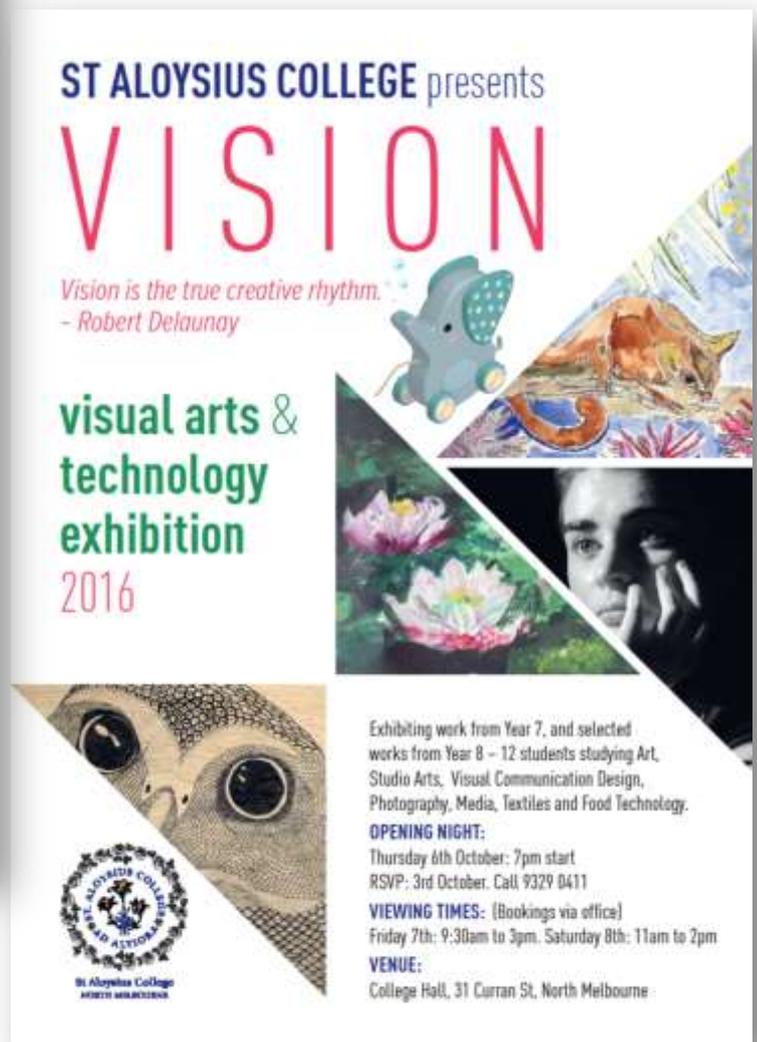
THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED IS AN OFFICIAL SELECTION OF

"This film, recently premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, showcases revolutionary school High Tech High. It explores what it takes for young people to succeed, and whether the traditional model of learning is the best for everyone. At Mount Alexander College we acknowledge there are many paths to success, and this film is aligned with the way we deliver education in our school..." Wayne Raworth Principal MAC

**bookings essential**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/MZMM>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FILM, GO TO [WWW.MLTSFILM.ORG](http://WWW.MLTSFILM.ORG)



**ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE** presents  
**VISION**

*Vision is the true creative rhythm.*  
- Robert Delaunay

**visual arts & technology exhibition**  
**2016**

Exhibiting work from Year 7, and selected works from Year 8 – 12 students studying Art, Studio Arts, Visual Communication Design, Photography, Media, Textiles and Food Technology.

**OPENING NIGHT:**  
Thursday 6th October: 7pm start  
RSVP: 3rd October. Call 9329 0411

**VIEWING TIMES:** (Bookings via office)  
Friday 7th: 9:30am to 3pm. Saturday 8th: 11am to 2pm

**VENUE:**  
College Hall, 31 Curran St, North Melbourne

  
St Aloysius College  
NORTH MELBOURNE

## 6th Melbourne Scout Group 2016 Wine Drive



Thanks to the support of Parkhill Cellars in North Melbourne, we are pleased to offer this great selection of wines for the Festive Season and summer. Pre-order on the web site, <http://6thmelbournescouts.org.au/wine-drive/>, or buy directly from the Scout Hall, 55 McCracken Street, Kensington, from 7th – 30th November 2016:

- Monday nights – Scouts – 8:00 to 8:30 PM
- Tuesday nights – Cubs – 7:30 to 8:00 PM
- Wednesday nights – Joeys – 6:00 to 6:30 PM

Any questions? Contact Richie Robertson on 0417 604 799 or [richie\\_robertson2@gmail.com](mailto:richie_robertson2@gmail.com)

### Ryder Shiraz 2014, Clare Valley SA

Clare Valley Shiraz are known for their elegance, refinement and grace. Crimson red with purple hues. Rich, fully fragrant nose, showing black currants and cassia, pepper and chocolate box assortment. Blueberries and mint follow on to the palate. Displaying dark raspberry plum flavours, black pepper and spice, supported by smooth tannins and the supple influence of gentle oak. Soundly structured, Ryder is soft and opulent before a long finish. **\*\$15.50 per bottle. \*\$155 for cases of twelve.**

### Ryder Watervale Riesling 2016, Clare Valley SA

Watervale is a district renowned for producing premium wines for over 50 years and our elevated vineyard is in the heart of this region. The elevated St Clare Vineyard has rich red loam over deep limestone to produce this distinctive Watervale Riesling. Aroma and Palate Lifted floral aromas with a delicate palate of zesty lemon and lime followed by a crisp acid finish. **\*\$15.50 per bottle. \*\$155 for cases of twelve.**

### 60 Drops Sauvignon Blanc 2014, Marlborough, New Zealand

An abundance of gooseberry flavours combine wonderfully with hints of tropical fruits. That recognisable grassy herbaceous flavour provides the wine with extra freshness and complexity. Perfectly suited to summertime drinking. **\*\$15.50 per bottle. \*\$155 for cases of twelve.**

### Dal Zotto Prosecco NV, King Valley VIC

Pale straw, vivid green youthful hue; tantalizing hints of fresh cut pear, citrus blossom and a mere suggestion of spice jump out and present themselves on the bouquet; the palate is soft, appealing, approachable and basically a whole lot of fun, with gentle bubbles and alcohol combining seamlessly, and offering the maximum amount of freshness for a drink early, enjoy and not necessarily in moderation style of sparkling wine; a spot on example of Prosecco. **\*\$21 per bottle. \*\$210 for cases of twelve.**

### Grant Burge Aged Tawny Port, Barossa Valley SA

This fine aged tawny is made from the Barossa's traditional tawny varieties - mostly grenache, with some mataro and shiraz - and has been blended to an average age of six years. A limited quantity of Aged Tawny is drawn for bottling each year and the barrels topped up with selected younger wine. **\*\$21 per bottle. \*\$210 for cases of twelve.**

**Pre-order online:**

**[6thmelbournescouts.org.au/wine-drive/](http://6thmelbournescouts.org.au/wine-drive/)**



**All New Enrolments Get a Free Tennis Racquet!**



## KIDS CLASSES

*Free Trial Lesson!*

Smaller courts, lighter rackets and low-compression balls that don't bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start playing and having fun right from their first lesson.

**Cost: \$9.00 a session**

---





## CARDIO TENNIS

*Free Trial Lesson!*

- High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

**Cost: \$12.50 a session.**

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd • North Park TC Flemington Rd  
Claremont Park TC 15 Elmwood Rd • St Matthews TC 56 William Rd

**1300 22 33 86 ACEFUNTENNISCHOOL.COM**

New comedy on stage 2016

**October 20-22**

©Flemington Primary Theatre  
20th-22nd 8pm Sat 22nd 3pm





**January 26**

#notthatfair

**A fair farce featuring**

Keighley Williams Mardi Durling Bart Sheehan Naomi Fennell  
Sarah Cost Philip Smith Cathy Connop Ramsay Smith  
Tim Richter Jutta Dreier John Dickie Kristen Perryman Hugo Iser-Smith Indya Williams  
Written & Directed by Rose Iser Music & Lyrics by Rose Iser Arrangements by Troy Portelli

**Tickets via Trybooking: [www.trybooking.com/MZKD](http://www.trybooking.com/MZKD)  
or [flemingtontc@gmail.com](mailto:flemingtontc@gmail.com)**

## 10 @ 10 for Gen!

Genevieve B is taking part in this year's Run 4 Refugees as part of the Melbourne Marathon to raise much needed funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. She is doing 10km which is 1 km for every year of her life.

Please help her reach her goal by sponsoring her here:

<https://run4refugees2016.gofundraise.com.au/page/NaomiFennell>

