

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

Monkeys Driving the Bus

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

Are the monkeys running the zoo or are they, perhaps, driving the bus?

To everyone who was present at the Middle & Senior School Music Showcase on Wednesday evening, they'd completely understand the question above. They'd probably even smile. Or start a mosh pit.

To give some context so you don't question my sanity, 'Monkeys driving the bus' is a song that a few of our talented (and cheeky) Year 11 students wrote and performed for their surprised and appreciative audience. I'd describe it as punk rock and I must confess to being a fan of the genre.

Long story short is that it was their own version of tongue in cheek anarchy. I found myself caught between laughing and being extremely proud of them, along with all our musicians on the evening.

The saying of monkeys running the zoo speaks of things being out of order and in chaos, a state most of us don't find desirable. However, in the context of music, personal expression and creativity, there is absolutely a place for straying from the bounds of what might be considered conventional or safe. In a sense, all learning should embrace this to some degree.

I truly love that Encounter encourages students, when appropriate, to be the monkeys driving the bus. The monkeys navigated us to a great place the other night and it made us all smile and give thanks. I hope you're able to do that in some small way this week too.

May God bless your week, Kelvin.



What's On!

TERM 3 | WEEK 8

Monday 11 September

- Year 9 Boys Flinders Camp (until Friday 15 Sept)
- Year 9 Girls Heysen Camp (until Friday 15 Sept)
- Year 10 Work Experience (until Friday 15 Sept)

Wednesday 13 September

- Year 6 PYP Exhibition

Thursday 14 September

- Foundation Student Led Conference
- Kidz Biz Family Evening

Friday 15 September

- Grandfriends Day EL-6
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Year 5/6 SAPSASA Knockout Basketball

TERM 3 | WEEK 9

Wednesday 20 September

- Year 9 Unity Cup

Thursday 21 September

- Fraser Dash, Block 69
- Year 1 Almost Sleepover

Friday 22 September

- House Meeting

TERM 3 | WEEK 10

Friday 29 September

- Pyjama Day
- Term 3 Concludes, 3.15pm

More at: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar



DEVOTION

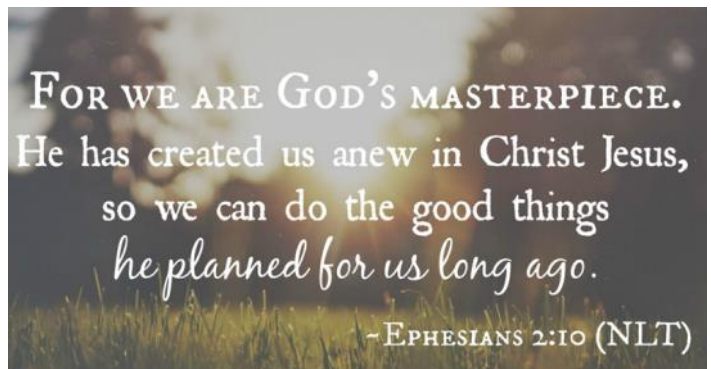
#Take Action, Make Action

JOSH KOOP | YEAR 6 TEACHER

In Year 6 this term, students have been preparing for Exhibition, which is a culmination of their journey through the Primary Years Programme. The students have chosen an issue or opportunity that they are passionate about and most importantly want to act on. At the beginning of our Exhibition journey, the students created a hashtag as a running theme for our learning. They decided on #Take Action, Make Action and this has been evident in their willingness to not only learn more about their topic, but take meaningful and purposeful action.

So far, students in Year 6 have volunteered at Crozier Café (serving meals to those in need), organised recycling programs to further reduce our waste at the College, identified the need for better education about racism and body image, conducted a beach clean-up along our beautiful coastline and visited Urimbirra to learn more about wildlife protection and conservation.

The students have developed a genuine heart for action, not for their own benefit, but because they truly believe in the power of doing good for others. This made me think of the verse from Ephesians 2:10 – *“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”*



God created us all to act on His behalf and do good to others. By doing good to others, we are living out a greater purpose, sharing God’s love and changing this world for the better. No matter how big or small the act is, the good things we do leave a lasting impact and celebrate the fact we are all God’s masterpiece. Whether you simply wave or smile to someone each day, open the door for someone as they pass or volunteer your time for a charity, know you are doing God’s work. So remember, just as the Year 6’s have been living this term, take action and make action. For every good deed sows the seed for another good deed. Share the love, do something for someone else and act how God planned for us long ago.

Josh

Junk email reminder

A reminder to check your Spam or Junk email folder. Sometimes emails sent from the College will finish up in these folders. To ensure that you don't miss any important communication, please remember to check these email folders regularly, whitelist or mark any emails from @encounter.sa.edu.au as a safe sender.



Next P&F Meeting

The next Parents and Friends Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th September at 8.45am** for a morning coffee meeting. All parents of the College are welcome to join us after school drop off in the Staff Lounge for great coffee from GPS Café, and a catch-up about what we have planned for the remainder of the year.



STAFF NEWS

INTRODUCING... Jay Bland

Hi, my name is Jay Bland (Jane-Marie) and I am a Co-Educator within the Early Learning Centre. What drew me to be a part of the Encounter Lutheran College community is to be involved with an amazing team that continues to strive for the best in themselves and for their students.

My first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College was that I saw a College that was expanding their learning environments to support their students requirements. It provided a friendly environment where we could see our children extend their education.

Before commencing my Co-Educator role at Encounter I was lucky enough to have spent three amazing years with Port Elliot Kindergarten, who supported me being so new to the Fleurieu community.

My favourite thing about my role is making amazing connections with the young children and their families and helping them in their early educational journey.

Three words to describe myself: Kiwi, honest and a loving mum.

I am most excited about seeing my New Zealand family in holidays. Family is everything to me and when covid arrived it made the opportunities to get together a lot harder for us.

My greatest accomplishment is my children. I am so proud of James and Keira and all that they have achieved and continue to strive for.



The best advice I have received was from my beautiful Mum. She told me the older we get the faster the years go by, so live life every day and treasure all moments big and small, be honest and kind, but most of all just be yourself because you are amazing at that.

My favourite animal is a loyal dog. We have owned two dogs, Cooper who was with us in Port Lincoln and now we have Harley, who is a Golden Retriever x Border Collie, he is still a puppy at 7 months old but shows us so much love and companionship and still gets up to trouble.

Staff Appointments

JON GREAR | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to Jon Grear who has been appointed to the position of Head of Middle & Senior School commencing in January 2024

VANESSA HARVIE | DIRECTOR OF EARLY LEARNING

Vanessa Harvie has been appointed to the position of Director Early Learning, commencing in January 2024.

TOM MASON | GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE

Tom Mason joins the College in Term 4 as the third member of our Grounds & Maintenance team.

SIOBAHN CONNERY | MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

Siobahn Connery has joined the Middle & Senior School for the remainder of 2023 to backfill Hayley Kerrisk.

TARINA FALANGA | EARLY LEARNING

Tarina Falanga is backfilling Karen Wiese's maternity leave in Early Learning for the remainder of 2023 and will be known to families as a regular reliever in the Early Learning Centre.

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Building Resilience & Grit

PENNY MCKENZIE | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

In Middle and Senior School at Encounter, we value resilience building and grit. Our camping program has been carefully crafted to present our young people with opportunities to develop these critical characteristics and skills. Our camps offer a unique, out of the classroom environment that foster personal growth and character development. They do this by immersing the students in the natural world and presenting them with a range of challenges they would not expect to face in their normal day to day environment.

Our Year 9 camp has students hiking, camping, learning, serving the environment and sharing day to day chores. For some of our students this might be the first time they have experienced one or more of these things. The teaching team encourages each student to take on responsibilities and challenges, and supports them through these unique experiences. We hope this helps the students develop self-reliance and independence, which in turn develops grit.

Another blessing of these camp experiences is the break from technology. The team intentionally plan for students to engage in, and focus on their surroundings, and on helping them build wider and more meaningful connections with their peers. We are confident these experiences are transformative for Encounter students. We are grateful for the team who willingly plan for and accompany the students over the week. We wish them clear skies and safe travels as they venture on the Heysen Trail and into the Flinders Ranges next week.



This week was also a wonderful opportunity for our Music students to showcase their individual talents on Wednesday evening. Our College Music program has grown exponentially over the past few years, with students now participating in a wide range of ensembles, bands and choirs. We thank the staff, parents and students for their hard work and engagement in this special College event. It truly is wonderful to see the incredible gifts and talents our students share. We thank Mrs Hart and her team for their organisation and facilitation of the evening.

Blessings for your week.

Penny



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 4 Camp

In Week 5, the Year 4s embarked on an unforgettable journey to Woodhouse Adventure Park for a 3-day camp that was filled to the brim with excitement and discovery!

At Challenge Hill, they conquered various obstacles, with the class favourite being the exhilarating Mouse Trap. Adventures continued with tube sliding, disc golf and strategic games in the Labyrinth maze. The energy reached its peak during laser skirmish battles between the blue and red teams, fostering teamwork and a healthy competitive spirit. Exploring the adventurer's trail, part of the Heysen trail, allowed them to immerse themselves in nature's beauty and wonder.

Amidst the adventures, valuable lessons were learned. At the creek, students caught Aquatic Macroinvertebrates, gaining insights into assessing pollution levels in freshwater sources. Building bee hotels during Nature Handicraft taught them about the crucial role of bees in our ecosystems.

Beyond the activities, this camp provided an opportunity for our Year 4s to cultivate resilience and form lasting friendships.

"I liked the tube sliding because you would go down so fast, it felt like I was on a rollercoaster!"
- Aneisha

"I think my favourite part was laser skirmish because it involved a lot of running. I also liked tube sliding because there were two slides to go down, the curved one, you sometimes went on the edge of the curves and the straight one, you went super-fast."
- Arthur



COLLEGE NEWS

LINK SA Community Bus and DECS Buses Interruptions

Due to DECS Schools having a Student Free Day on MONDAY 11th September 2023:

All DECS Buses (ie Inman Valley, Hindmarsh Valley, Waitpinga buses) will NOT be running on Friday 8th September and Monday 11th September

AND

Due to DECS Schools finishing early on FRIDAY 29th September 2023 (Last day of Term 3):

The Link SA Community bus and all DECS connecting Buses (ie Inman Valley, Hindmarsh Valley, Waitpinga buses) will NOT be running in the AFTERNOON for our Encounter Students on Friday 29th September.

Please make alternative arrangements for transport.

Lost Property

Has your child recently lost a pair of glasses? We currently have three pairs that have been found and unclaimed (in Student Services). The glasses have been here now for a couple of weeks or longer. Please contact Sue at Student Services if any of these belong to your child.



Departing Families 2023

EARLY LEARNING AND COLLEGE

Departing Families If you plan on leaving Encounter Lutheran College at the end of 2023, we advise you to formally let us know through email by the beginning of Term 4.

Please contact Claire McKenzie at claire.mckenzie@encounter.sa.edu.au to avoid any penalty fees being charged.

Borgas Shield House Update



Borgas Shield House Points Update as Week 7

- **Granite** = 140
- **Coorong** = 116
- **Rosetta** = 112
- **Yilki** = 104

College Business Directory

Join our new College Business Directory – coming soon!

Through the development of a new College mobile app, we are excited to soon be launching a new Encounter Lutheran College online Business Directory. This new community initiative serves to connect families, old scholars, staff and supporters of our College throughout our community in a practical and mutually beneficial way. The Directory provides a unique opportunity for businesses to promote themselves directly to our community.

To participate in the Directory, please complete and submit the online form located at:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/business-directory/



COLLEGE NEWS

2023 Photo Day Orders

Class Photos, Sibling Photos and Portraits

The photos from our College Photo Day held earlier this term have now been distributed to all students to take home. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your order, please contact AdvancedLife directly at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact.

20% Discount on Sports & Co-Curricular Group Photos available until 20/09/2023

These school sports and co-curricular groups were photographed on 27/07/2023 and 31/07/2023:

100 Days of Year 1	Senior School House Captains	Specialist Basketball Development Program Year 9-10 Boys
Junior School Captains	Shine Band	Specialist Basketball Development Program Year 11-12 Boys
Junior School Eco Committee	Specialist Basketball Development Program Boys Intensive Program	Specialist Netball Development Program Development Squad
Junior School House Captains	Specialist Basketball Development Program Girls Intensive Program	Specialist Netball Development Program Intensive Training Squad
Middle School Band	Specialist Basketball Development Program Year 5-6 Boys	Student Leaders
Musical	Specialist Basketball Development Program Year 5-6 Girls	Vocal Group
Rythmix	Specialist Basketball Development Program Year 7-8 Boys	Senior School House Captains Funny
Senior Band	Specialist Basketball Development Program Year 7-8 Girls	

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order by 20/09/2023 you will get a 20% early order discount. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

Images can also be viewed by visiting www.advancedlife.com.au entering the **code: HTY 4HN WBE** and clicking on "Group Photos"

Important:

- Sports and co-curricular group photos can only be purchased online, PLEASE DO NOT return payment to the school.
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted early order period has closed.
- Please remember, AdvancedLife offer a 100% money-back guarantee on their products to ensure your peace of mind. They would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience, please contact them at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Sustainable School Shop

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM TRADING

We are delighted to inform you of the College's new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade these second-hand items via the Sustainable School Shop website: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

The College is providing this service to our community; when registering on the Sustainable School Shop you need to nominate Encounter Lutheran College to receive your subscription.

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 0438 743 444 or help is also available through 'Contact Us' on their website at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au.

For the best results:

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- List your items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The school's uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- The second-hand uniform stocktake report the system provides is very helpful
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop's telephone (0438 743 444) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance.

For easy reference, the Sustainable School Shop links are also listed on our College Shop website at: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/college-shop



GRANDFRIENDS DAY



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FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

We invite Grandfriends of our Early Learning to Year 6 students to join us for the following morning program:

8:15 to 8:30 am

Arrivals of Guest - Welcome Coffee

8:30 to 9:00 am

Book Fair in The Nest

9:00 to 9:45 am

Shine in the Kondole

9:45 to 11:00 am

School Tour

Book Fair in The Nest

Classroom Visits

Family Portraits

11:00 to 11:30 am

Morning Tea in the Kondole

We look forward to welcoming you
on the day - no RSVP required

Looks like school, feels like home...

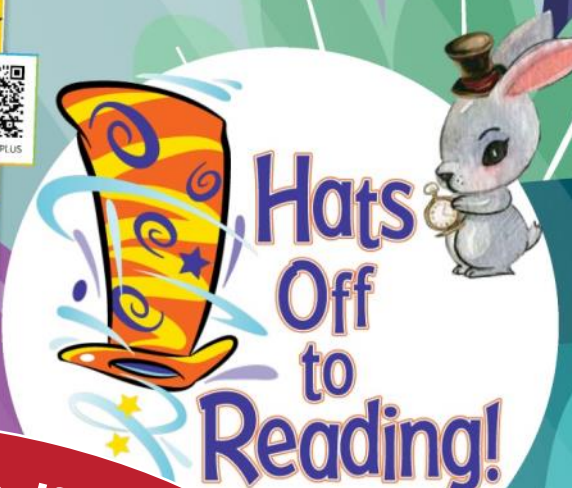
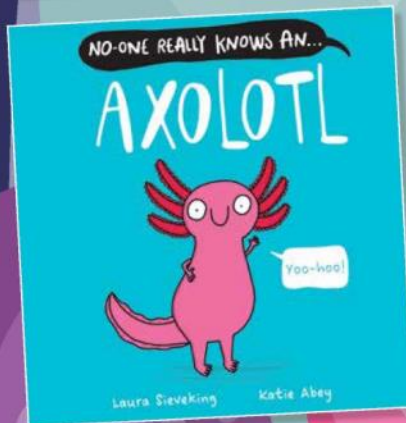
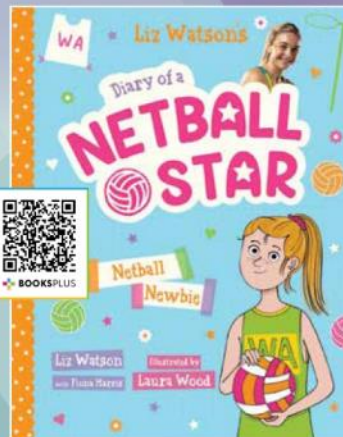
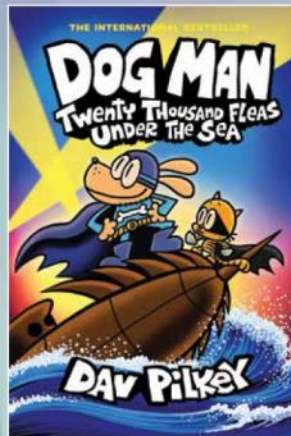
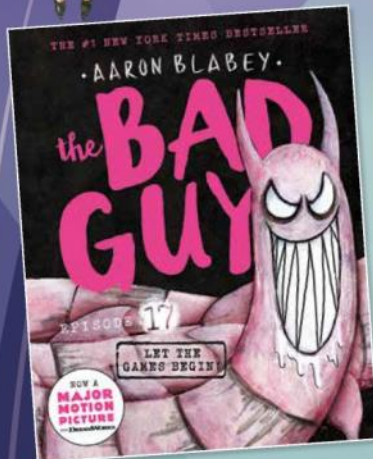




SCHOLASTIC **Book Fairs**



You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**



Find these
books and
more at
the Fair!

**Grandfriends
Day!**

Date Thursday 14th September and
Friday 15th September 2023

Time 2.45pm - 3.30pm
8.15am - 11.45am

Place The Nest - Encounter Lutheran College Library



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



**SCHOLASTIC
REWARDS**

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NEWS FROM THE NEST



What is your favourite book?

Don't forget to come and see our great selection of books for purchase at our **BOOK FAIR** on:

Thursday 14th September 2.45pm – 3.30pm
and **Friday 15th September 8.15am – 11.45am**



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition

Last term 16 students from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is Australia's longest running and most well known Mathematics competition for schools.

We were very pleased with our students' results ranging from participation awards through to a number of distinctions.



Congratulations to Micaela Andrews, Sophie Clapp, Chaewon Lim, Alexis Lo, Charlee McMillan, Summer Newman, Quinn Nightingale, Victoria Ray, Rafferty Scanlon, Lincoln Armstrong, Patrick Chesser, Flynn Davis, Ethan Hood, Flynn Jamieson, Oliver Knowles and Matthew Sullivan.

Year 6 PYP Exhibition

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Poverty is a global problem facing our world today. We are hoping to take a small step to make a difference to children our age by donating Christmas gift boxes to children less fortunate than us.

You can help too by donating items.



Items that CAN be donated:

Doll/doll accessories, stuffed animal, balls (tennis balls, bouncy balls, skipping rope, pencils, coloured pencils, pens, texters, pencil case, exercise books, books, ruler, protractor, solar powered calculator, small manual sharpener, small adhesive tape, erasers, yo-yo, small frisbee, kaleidoscope, playing cards, colouring books, puzzles, chalkboard and chalk, sunglasses, hat, hair accessories, hairbrush, face washer, clothing.

**** All items MUST be new with packaging and be able to fit in a shoebox. ****

Items that CANNOT be included:

Food items, liquid items: toothpaste, paint, bubble, old toys, used clothes, toy weapons.

Donation boxes are in the Year 6 classroom.

If you have any questions, please ask us. Thank you for supporting us to help others in need. Kiara, Imogen & Tex.

RECYCLE BATTERIES HERE!

DON'T SEND THEM
TO LANDFILL!

ENCOUNTER FAMILIES
AND STAFF BRING
YOUR OLD BATTERIES
TO THE JAR LOCATED
AT THE FRONT OFFICE!



SPORT NEWS

Year 7 & 8 Boys 5-a-side Soccer

A team of Year 7 and 8 boys travelled to Wirreanda Secondary School on Wednesday of Week 7 to compete in the SA School Sport 5-a-side soccer competition.

The emphasis was on participation and development, and we were drawn in division 2 against teams from Christies Beach, Goolwa, Plympton, and Wirreanda.

Following three lunch time training sessions confidence was high and the energy was positive. The boys did themselves and the College proud with their discipline, technical ability, teamwork,



and fair play and achieved outstanding results. They won three games and drew one, unfortunately missing out on the division 2 final on goal difference to eventual winners Plympton.

The full results are below:

- Encounter 5 defeated Christies Beach 0
- Encounter 4 defeated Goolwa 1
- Encounter 4 defeated Wirreanda 2

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invites you to our

**YEAR 6 PYP
EXHIBITION**

THE NEST (LIBRARY)

WEDNESDAY 13.9.23	YEAR 5 SESSION	2.30-3.00
	YEAR 5/6 SESSION	3.45-4.45
	YEAR 6 SESSION	5.00-6.00

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Has your child recently competed in a State or National competition, or been recognised by a community organisation or club? Share the news with us and our College community by emailing the details together with a couple of photos to communications@encounter.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

A fun, family friendly church for all ages valuing hospitality, creativity and celebration

10 September

What is Family?

3.30pm-5.30pm at the
Lutheran Church Centre
...with meal provided!



Victor Harbor

29 October

**Messy Church
goes Wild**

3 December

**Preparing for
Christmas**



victorharbormessychurch

Lutheran Church Centre, 21a Adelaide Rd Victor Harbor
E: messychurch@victorlutheran.org P: Church office 08 85525380

Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing - Junior Learn to Sail

Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing are pleased to announce that bookings are now open for the junior Learn-to-Sail course on 10-13 October 2024.

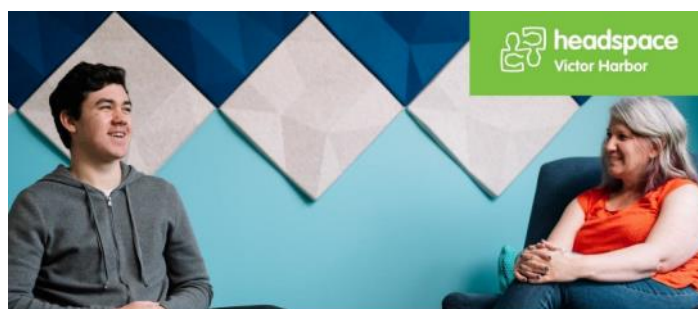
We will be running two classes, mornings or afternoons, 3 hour sessions for 4 days with Qualified Australian Sailing Instructors at The Goolwa Aquatic Club.

This very popular course covers the basics of dinghy sailing and is specifically designed for kids in the 7 to 15 age bracket. Participants will learn the theory and practical aspects of sailing a dinghy - and have a whole lot of fun in the process.

All equipment is supplied including the PFDs ("life jackets"), helmets and boats.

For booking and further information see below:

[Junior Learn to Sail October 10th -13th 2023 - Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing - revolutioniseSPORT eplyForward](#)



Tuning in to Teens

A 6 week workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers

Parenting often feels like an emotional roller coaster that we are ill equipped to ride - particularly in the Teen years! But don't worry, you're not alone, and we're here to help ☺

The 'emotion coaching' tools from this Tuning into Teens program might just make the ride a little smoother, and ultimately support your relationship with your teen.

Facilitators:

Bec Seal – Clinical Team Leader
David Hains – Mental Health Nurse

When:

Starts Wednesday 25 October 2023
There will be 6 sessions X 2 hours from 5-7pm on consecutive Wednesdays
Dinner provided

Where:

10 Crozier Rd, Victor Harbor

Contact for more info or to register interest:

Bec or David at headspace 8391 0123