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2021



BURKE AND BEYOND

Term 1 - 2021

2021 Term Dates -

Easter Break Closed on Good Friday 2nd and Monday 5th of April for the Easter weekend.

Second quarter 12/04/21 to 2/07/21

Queens Birthday Closed on Monday the 14th of June for the Queen's birthday.

July break Closed from Monday 5th of July to Friday the 9th of July (one week)

Third quarter 12/07/21 to 2/10/21 (Start of the schedule of supports program)

Melbourne Cup Closed on Tuesday 2nd of November for Cup day.

Fourth quarter 4/10/21 to 24/12/21

Summer Break The last day of service for 2021 will be Friday the 24th of December.

Burke and Beyond will re-open next year on Monday 18 of January 2022

AFL holiday *Note that there will be a Public Holiday on the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and the date will be released early in 2021.

“To improve lives through social interaction, personal development and community participation”

Message from the CEO.

Bruno Cyr



Finally, we see the start of a New Year!

The last one has been very difficult for everyone involved with Burke and Beyond due to the effects of COVID-19 and the on and off nature of service delivery through the year. It is so refreshing to see people back through our services and there are smiles all around as people finally catch up with each other in person. Everyone seems to be enjoying their return to the services. With vaccinations around the corner for most of our participants and staff, there is a general sense of optimism around at this time.

There is also unfortunately a lot of apprehension about where the NDIS is currently heading. The drop in the group price planned for July 1 is bringing on a lot of extra work for our Administrative Team as well as our Coordinators and Support Workers in order to get ourselves ready to manage that change. Many of you will be contacted over the next three months in order to renew your service agreement with Burke and beyond and this is due to that change in pricing. Make sure that you ask all the questions that you need to so that you are very clear on those changes.

The other main issue will be the introduction of Independent Assessors. The Federal Government has expressed that this change will go ahead and we now know that they don't need to discuss this in Parliament in order to introduce it. It is felt by many in the industry that this change is taking the NDIS away from its original intent, which was to support a person's life plan by offering the right amount of financial support to do so. The feeling now is that it is becoming a strictly budgetary proposal based on an assessment from someone who has very basic knowledge of disability, and no knowledge of the person. There has been a lot of criticism of this idea recently, including from Bruce Bonyhady, who was one of the originator of the scheme, who is absolutely opposed to this. I, and the majority of my peers across the country are very worried about the effect of this coming into place and what it will do to the people deserving the support.

I think we are in for another complicated year ahead.

Blackburn Next Step Report



"This year I started Carpentry and have been going to Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre by catching the train from Box Hill then the tram. We get off at Charles Street then walk five minutes to the center. I have started making my project with Dario our Carpentry teacher and he was helping me make my project. He was teaching and supporting me with machines that I was using so I can be safe. My friend Ben has started on his bookshelf project using pallets which he got from Coles and it looks so good. Mikey and Costa have been cleaning and organising the tool shed for Dario and it looks nice and clean. Zane has been putting together other projects which he did so quick and we have all been learning how to saw, drill, file and use machines safely."

-Molly

*Carpentry @
Blackburn
Next Step*



Blackburn Next Step Report

"In Horticulture on Friday's I have been doing a good job with practicing skills with weeding, planting, watering, layering, propagating.

At Kew cemetery, the group have been planting different flowers, weeding, and watering.

We began our new project where we trimmed, replanted plants in bigger pots with new soil. This is so the plants can grow.

The roots are the mouth of the plant and need to be fed. We are doing this to sell the plants in 8 weeks for Mothers day at Kew Neighbourhood Learning Center."

-Zane



"Hi I'm Mikey.

I have been busy collecting towels and sheets to donate to the RSPCA to help the cats and dogs have bedding.

This is a part of the Healthy Me fundraising project which I have decided to help out with."



"On Thursday I went on the train to Box Hill TAFE. I had lots of fun learning about math because I learned the symbols, plus and minus which is adding and taking away. I learnt the equal's symbol which goes before the answer. I'm excited to learn more math. We also are learning literacy which is letters and writing. I hope to learn more so I get better. I also went on YouTube to do math games. The first time I lost but it's okay because the second time I won, I got so much better. I hope to play it again as it helped me learn."

-Mairead.



Dandenong Next Step Report

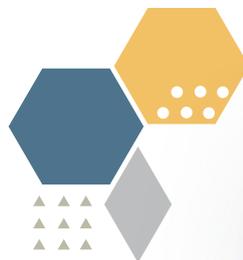


Hi my name is Garry and I graduated from Emerson in 2020 and now I go to Burke and Beyond. It is so much than school because you can wear free dress.

My favorite program is coffee enterprise, health and fitness, men's group and mindfulness and wellbeing.

Meet the New Team Members!

A big welcome to our new staff members, Marlen and Wayne. The team at Dandenong Next Step is constantly growing, we are excited for our new staff members to help smash our participant goals!



Dandenong Next Step Report



We are happy to announce we have just teamed up with Concern Australia and are running the first mechanical course called 'hand brake turn', participants will learn how to change tyres, check oil, tyre pressure and everything else you need to keep your car on the road. Speaking of 'cars on the road' one of our participants Su Klay recently passed his test and bought himself a car! Well done Su klay!



Hi my name is Brayden Rollins and i have been doing the hand brake turn course, i absolutely love it. we get to work on cars and engines. we get to work on the suspension, and pull apart, and change tires as well. my favorite part of the course was getting my hands dirty. our teachers name was Phil and he was awesome!

Bayswater Next Step Report



Digital Futures

Term one in Digital Futures, we've been filming a promotional video on volunteering opportunities in the community. We shot it in Studio B in front of a green background for Chroma Key with the perfect lighting conditions. I was the spokesperson at the beginning of the promo giving out a short speech on inspiring the community to give us support; we also did some reshoots because i had a haircut a week after we started filming so it was a lifesaver that we got to do some pick up shots.

Callum Lydiard
Burke and Beyond



PINCHAPOO



Pinchapoo

“ Providing disadvantaged Australians with personal hygiene essentials through your donation of pinched hotel toiletries ”



Bayswater Next Step Report

The team at Pinchapoo have welcomed Bayswater participants back to their new warehouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the teams are working super hard after travel training to work by bus. "It's bonus playing with Darcy and the new Pup" - Sinead D.



Balwyn has welcomed a number of new participants this term. All have settled in really well to their new programs and are building new relationships.. A big welcome to Ivy, Kevin, Angus, Flynn, Joe and Kirsten. The group are great fun to work with , full of energy and eager to explore new experiences.

Balwyn Next Step Report



Cooking up a storm in Cultural cooking!

Jigsaw puzzles with Angus!



New skills at Kew Carpentry!

Kirsten enjoying herself at Dance!



Social Outreach Report

What a term it has been!

After spending most of the previous year indoors in our homes, it has been a fantastic couple of months slowly transitioning back to onsite activities and having the ability to re-engage with one and another face to face.

Whilst it was not quite the same as in-person, participants and staff embraced bringing in the new year and Quarter 1 with Zoom socials and had a fantastic time participating in multiple different activities. Some of the highlights included diving into the undersea life with Sea Life Virtual tour, watching the virtual Frozen Musical, games nights & Karaoke nights.

The 12th of March marked the first onsite Social night for the year. It was fantastic seeing everyone engaging with one and another, enjoying each other's company whilst continuing to follow and adhere to covid guidelines to keep everyone safe.

We are looking forward to getting back into Social activities full swing as of term 2!

Outreach had been a challenging space in 2020 with restrictions proving it difficult to continue to be able to provide support in-home and within the community.

This has been a slow return but has really enjoyed beginning recommencing support and continuing to work with each individual to continue taking steps towards achieving their goals as well as welcoming some new faces to Outreach also.

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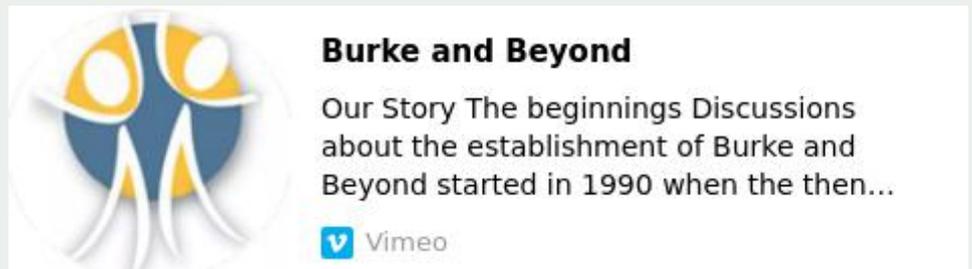


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Inclusion that counts.



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