Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone at St. Finbar’s. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and have returned to school ready for an exciting year of learning. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr. Ian Ranson to the community. Fr. Ian is our new Parish Priest and I look forward to working with him over the coming years. A special welcome also to Mr Nigel Rodrigues (Deputy Principal), Miss Charlotte Ireland (Foundation Teacher), Miss Caitlin Liels (Year 5 Teacher) and Mrs Lisa Garnaut (Year 2 Teacher) as they begin their time with us in our learning community.

As I was showing a new family around the school on the holidays I was astounded at the amount of extracurricular activities St. Finbar’s has to offer. Some of the activities I listed were: Coding Club, Piano and Guitar Lessons, Computer Club, Library Club, Choir, Construction Club, Chess, Drama Time, Inter-School Sports, School Swimming, School Athletics, Year 3-6 Camps, Chrome Books, Skipping Lessons, Outside School Hours Care and Holiday Program, Sailing and the Year 5 & 6 Brighton School cluster activities to name a few. It is certainly an exciting time to be a Student, Teacher and Parent at St. Finbar’s school.

Just a reminder that school hats are compulsory for all students during Term. Any student who does not have a hat must remain in the undercover areas during lunch and snack time. I would also like to remind all parents to observe local parking restrictions and to show patience to our new members of the community as they learn how our traffic rules and procedures operate.

Swimming Trials for interschool sports will begin next week on Wednesday morning before school. This is open to all Years 3 - 6 students. Please see further information coming home today. Thanks to Mrs. Thompson who has organise these trials.

Our start of the year Mass is next Friday 5th February at 5pm which will be followed by the Welcome Picnic on the school grounds. There will be organised entertainment for the children as well. Please remember that all school functions that have both adults and children involved are strictly **alcohol free** events.

Fr. Malcolm’s Farewell Mass is on this Sunday at 11am which is followed by a parish lunch in the hall. Please let the Parish Office know if you are attending ASAP via email to Bridget Cooper ~ BrightonEast@cam.org.au

This week and next is ‘Celebration Week’ for all St. Finbar’s students. There have been a number of activities designed to help students connect with their peers and teachers which will assist with the transition into a new year. Some of the activities are targeted at social and emotional wellbeing, Buddy activities, sports dress up day and revisiting our morning meditation session. We will be playing calming music over the school P.A. system every morning from 8:50am to 8.55am. The music is a reminder to students and parents that we need to be quiet and still during this time. Parents are most welcome to participate in this activity but I would ask all people not participating, to not distract the classrooms from this important settling activity. It is also imperative that all students are at school **BEFORE** 8:50am so they do not interrupt this session.

‘Meet the Teacher’ chats are next week on Tuesday 2nd February and Thursday 4th February from 2.30pm each day. Please note the early pick up time for all students on these days. All meetings will happen in your child/ren’s classrooms. Please ensure you have booked in a time. Booking information is listed further in this newsletter.

With the roll out of the Chrome Books in Years 4-6 there is the necessity to hold a **compulsory** Cyber Safety information evening for all Parents and Students in these year levels. Parents from other year levels are most welcome to attend. Please note the date for this meeting is Wednesday 10th of February at 7:00pm. More information for this evening is detailed further in this newsletter.

Finally I would like to invite all parents to our first school assembly which will be held on Monday 1st of February at 2:40pm in the hall.

Peace and Blessings,

Mr Pat Berlingeri
Principal
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We warmly welcome our new students to St Finbar’s Primary.


We welcome the following new students in Year 1H ~ Kelly O, Year 2A ~ Charlie J, Year 2G ~ Sophia L, Year 3K ~ Juliet O and Denis J, Year 3M ~ William J. We wish you all the best as you settle into your new school.

**Sneakers:** When purchasing new sneakers for your child we recommend that you choose ones that are white with minimal colour, in keeping with our school uniform. Please note that ‘Vans’ (or this type of shoe) are not suitable for sporting events as they do not give the support required for sporting activities.

**Balls at School:** Students are permitted to bring a tennis ball for play before school. They may also bring other balls to school for play during lunch and recess; however, the responsibility for looking after the ball lies with the student. Students are not permitted to play with the larger balls before or after school. Should the ball land on the school roof, it will not be retrieved until this task is attended to; twice per term.

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**Safety Reminder for All:**
- The staff car park is not for parent use during school hours or for pick up and drop off.
- Drivers are **NOT** allowed to make a Right Hand Turn into Centre Rd during School hours. **This is now a traffic offence and police have indicated they will patrol the area.**
- Parents are reminded that they are **NOT** to drop off or collect their child at the front entrance of the school.
- U turns in Wallen St are **NEVER** permitted.
- Those parents, who walk to school via Centre Rd, or park in Centre Rd, are asked to walk along the disabled path or the footpath adjacent to the Memorial Garden to the front entrance of the school.
- If late for school, parents are asked to park in front of the church and walk with their child along the disabled walkway to the entrance of the school. A parent needs to come in and sign a late pass.
- If collecting children prior to 3:30pm, the parent, or carer, will need to come to the office and sign an early departure pass.
- I ask parents to inform other family members or carers who may be dropping off or picking up your child of the arrangements above.

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**Driving Safety for All:**

*Today I wish to highlight an important aspect of safety for all; this being ‘Dropping off and Picking up your child’. Please read and note the following:*

1. **Wal len Street:** There is “**NO PARKING**” on the school side of Wallen Street as this is a “drop off” zone only. Parking is permitted opposite the school. Parents are asked to drive as far as possible down Wallen St, adjacent to the hall building, to ensure that a bank up of cars does not occur at Ward Street. This area is strictly a “Kiss & Drop” zone. This is a ‘kiss and Drop off’ area and parents are asked **NOT TO GET OUT OF THE CAR.** Students should have their bags accessible to collect (not in the boot). There is a turning point at the end of Wallen Street and parents are reminded **NEVER** to do a U turn in Wallen Street.

2. **Drive Thru:** Cars are to enter via the staff car park and through the double gates and veer towards the hall and around to the new grassed steps where children can be dropped off or picked up. There are 3 parking bays and this is also strictly a “**Kiss & Drop**” zone. Parents are asked **NOT TO GET OUT OF THE CAR** and students should have their bags accessible to collect (not in the boot). The exit is via the double gates through the staff car park and front of the church. Please note that there is **NO RIGHT HAND TURN** out of the driveway during school hours.
OUR SCHOOL IN 2016
Throughout each year, feedback is sought from the School Board, parents, students and staff as to how the school is operating. At the end of each year the staff evaluates all aspects of the life of the school in order to continuously improve. Please carefully read the following information which will provide a brief overview as to how programs and other aspects of the school will operate in 2016.

1. SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH NEEDS:
In 2016, Mr. Nigel Rodrigues has the role of Student Wellbeing Leader and Mrs. Jacqui Prosser has the role of Student Services Coordinator. If you have any concerns about your child’s social and/or emotional development or academic concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s classroom teacher who may refer the matter to either Nigel or Jacqui. If you wish to make an appointment with Jacqui or Nigel you MUST speak with your child’s classroom teacher first.

2. SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FOR 2016:
- **Physical Education** Years F – 6 one hour per week skills-based lesson all year.
- **Sustainability** Years F – 6 one hour per week lesson all year.
- **Performing Arts** Years F – 6 one hour per week for one Semester. This program will incorporate aspects of drama and music.
- **Visual Arts** Years F – 6 one hour per week for one semester.
- **Language Other Than English-LOTE (Italian)** Years F – 6 one hour per week lesson all year.

3. OTHER PROGRAMS:
- **Library** – Teachers will take their class to the library for library borrowing every week. The library is open for students to change books at other times.
- **Bounce Back** – This is a P - 6 Resilience program taught by the classroom teacher in conjunction with other Social & Emotional Wellbeing Programs. The aim of the program is to:
  - maximize student engagement in learning – connectedness to school;
  - contribute to a positive pro-social culture where all students feel safe;
  - promote positive relationships – social skills that contribute to them;
  - develop resilience skills;
  - develop pro-social values such as respect, compassion, acceptance of differences and friendliness.

4. MEET THE TEACHER CHATS:
As noted on the 2016 calendar, ‘Meet the Teacher chats’ will be in February and Parent / Teacher interviews in June. The ‘chats’ on **Tuesday 2nd or Thursday 4th February** will be an opportunity for YOU, as parents, to tell us about your child’s strengths, passions, social competencies and areas to be worked on. Parents should have already received an email over the holidays with how to book online. The interviews in June will take the same format as in the past, that is, the teacher reporting on the child’s progress. Written reports will be provided prior to the June interviews and at the end of the year.

**SCHOOL INTERVIEWS ONLINE BOOKINGS:**
How to book your Parent/Teacher interviews: ALL appointments are now to be booked online. Please go to the website: [http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home) Simply enter the school code XLSE2 and press “Go”. You will then be guided through three simple steps, and a few moments later you will get an email confirming your interviews. Parents without internet access can come to the office and an interview will be made for you. Thank you.

5. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is the prime means of communication between home and school. Again in 2016, all parents will receive the newsletter via email OR parents may collect a hard copy of the newsletter from the front office (or send their child to collect it) each THURSDAY. It is imperative that those families who have not given their email address to the office do so during the next two weeks. We prefer that you send a short note via email indicating your email address to office@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au (Handwritten notes are sometimes not clear).
6. **WEEKLY ASSEMBLY:** We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all parents to attend our assemblies each Monday afternoon at 2:40pm in the hall. The first Assembly will be held on Monday 1st February. We ask that parents be seated by 2:40pm for a **2:45pm sharp start** to Assembly. **A reminder that school is dismissed from assembly every Monday at 3:15pm.**

7. **BELL TIMES:**
   - 8:50am Line up (Meditation music over P.A. system from 8:50am-8:55am)
   - 9:00am Class commences
   - 11:00am Lunch bell - eating in classrooms
   - 11.10am Lunch break - outside play
   - 11.50am Classroom commences
   - 1.50pm Recess break
   - 2.30pm Classroom commences
   - 3.30pm Home time
   - End of school day (MONDAYS ONLY) ~ 3.15pm

8. **SCHOOL SUPERVISION:** Supervision begins each morning at 8:35am and ends at 3:45pm each afternoon. Please do not allow your child to be at school before/after these times. We ask that you contact Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) on 9592 0994 about making arrangements to have your child/ren attend if necessary. While from time to time special circumstances do occur, as a justice issue to those parents who do use Before School Hours Care – any student who consistently arrives prior to 8:30am will be asked to go to Before School Care at the parents' expense. Children who are not collected by 3:50pm will be sent to After School Care, at the expense of the parents.

9. **STUDENT ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:** If a student is absent, the following is school policy:
   - When a student is absent, a parent is requested to phone and inform the office by 9:30am, who will then advise the teacher.
   - On returning to school after a period of absence, the student is to bring a written note from the parents, to school.
   - When a student is absent for more than two consecutive days with no communication from home, the class teacher will contact the parents to clarify the reason for absences.
   - Students who are regularly absent from school may need to have a meeting with the Principal / Deputy Principal to explain absences.

10. **ASTHMA / ALLERGY FORMS:** If your child suffers from Asthma or Allergies you are required to complete an “Asthma Management Plan” or “Action Plan for Anaphylaxis” form each year (if any change). These forms are available from the front office and must be filled in and returned immediately. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** information that the school must have for efficient management and care of your children. Any additional medications your child might need during the year are to be sent to the office in a clearly labeled bag with the child’s name, class, dosage and time of dosage clearly written on a letter to the office. Failure to do this will mean your child will **NOT** receive their medication.

11. **FIRST AID:** Periodically, students may require their medication at school. There are some details to note if this is necessary. Medication is to be sent to the office and will be kept in the First Aid room. The exception to this is Asthma medication, which is to be kept in the child’s bag at all times. Parents are to ensure that a note accompanies the medication listing details of: Name / Date / Medication / dosage / Time to be administered / Comments and a parent’s signature. This is to be handed to the front office.

12. **SCHOOL BOARD:** St Finbar’s School Education Board acts as a forum for discussion on matters relating to education in the School. The Parish Priest, Principal and Deputy Principal are ex-officio members. If there are any matters you wish to raise at the School Board you can do so in writing to board@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au
13. PARENTS AND FRIENDS: The P & F meets once per month. Their main purpose is to build community and organize 2 social functions per year, thus raising funds to be used for enhancing the educational opportunities of the students. In addition, class reps plan social activities for each grade level.

14. DOGS AT SCHOOL: St Finbar’s School has a NO DOGS on the playground policy. We do encourage parents to walk to school with their dogs if they choose. However, dogs are to remain outside the gates with their owner.

15. HOT WEATHER: February always promises to be the hottest month of the year. It is essential that students have plenty of water to drink and I remind parents that students are encouraged to have a named water bottle on their table at all times, which can be replenished as needed. All classrooms and other learning areas (Library, ICT and Arts Centre) have air-conditioning. During extreme hot weather, students have a ‘hot day’ program which means they have shorter periods on the playgrounds.

16. CLASSROOM FRIENDSHIP LISTS: To assist with getting the classroom friendship list out as soon as possible, these will be generated from the office. If you DO NOT want your Name, Address, mobile number and email address on this friendship list, please notify the office via email; office@sfbrightoneast.catholic.edu.au by Tuesday 9th February 2016. If no contact is made to the office it will be assumed you are happy for these details to go out to your classmates and will be distributed with the newsletter on Thursday 11th February 2016. Thank you.

17. SCHOOL SECURITY POLICY: It is expected that each school have processes in place so as to ensure that all members of the school community are kept safe and secure. This is part of a school’s DUTY OF CARE.

18. SECURITY SYSTEM: A Security system is in operation at all times to ensure that our facilities are secure at all times.

19. GROUNDS SECURITY: All school gates will be locked at 9:05am each day and unlocked at 3:20pm, except on a Monday for assembly when the Wallen Street gate will be unlocked at 2:40pm. Anyone entering/ leaving the school grounds during the school day must do so via the office.

20. LATE TO SCHOOL: Any student arriving at school after the 8:50am bell will need to complete a ‘Late to School’ form and it must be signed by a parent at the school office first. The purpose of this is:

- To record all late arrivals for accountability purposes
- To attempt to prevent interruptions to the teaching/learning time.

21. EARLY DEPARTURES: Similarly any child needing to leave school before 3:30pm will need the parent to complete an ‘Early Departure’ form at the office to take to the classroom teacher before collecting the child. It is important to note that if you are collecting your child during the day for an appointment it would be appreciated if you could do so at the commencement or completion of break times. This allows for the easier collection of your child, rather than trying to locate them on the playground.

22. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC): Parents are reminded that under Government law, which has been raised by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, all parents who help at the school are required to have a Working With Children Check. This involves completing a form, available from the post office, and lodging the receipt with the school office. A database is kept of all parents with the WWCC. It is essential that parent helpers for Literacy, Numeracy, excursions, sporting events, working bees, etc. sign in at the office and collect a badge, BEFORE helping with school activities.

23. VISITORS’ PASS: All contractors and visiting staff will be required to wear a ‘Visitor’s Badge’ and sign in while on the premises. All visitors only have access to the school via the school office.
Celebration Week

Dear Families of St Finbar’s,

This morning I was lucky enough to share the excitement of our first official day for students and teachers to begin the 2016 school year. There was most definitely a very welcoming and friendly atmosphere in the playgrounds as children and parents reconnected with each other, welcomed new people including our Foundation students who entered their classrooms for the first time.

The preparation of classrooms by each teacher has been outstanding and I am sure you will agree that our children are very lucky to be able to begin a new journey of learning in such safe and stimulating environments.

Celebration Week activities will continue until next Friday and conclude with a twilight mass for all families at 5pm. The mass will be followed by a ‘Welcome Picnic’ to celebrate the new school year. We hope that every member of the St Finbar’s community can be part of this celebration.

A reminder to all students to wear their sports team colours next Wednesday 3rd February, ‘be creative’. Over the next few days the students will be engaged in learning new playground games in multi-age groupings and each child will produce a family portrait to be displayed around the school.

We hope that the activities held throughout celebration week will give each of us the opportunity to build positive relationships which enable us to work together to build a strong, caring and vibrant community which we can all be proud of.

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Finding the Balance
Comprehensive Cyber Safety & Wellbeing Parent Seminar

This unique seminar helps parents to establish a healthy balance between screen time and downtime each day so children can flourish mentally, physically and socially as well as assisting parents about online safety.

7pm Wednesday 10th February
St. Finbar’s
Don’t miss this important wellbeing seminar

Children are spending hours each day on iPads, phones and laptops but have little time left to chill out with free unstructured creative play to reduce their stress and improve their wellbeing. Parents are increasingly concerned about finding this balance and confused about effective strategies to use at home. Not only does this seminar assist parents about online safety but also helps parents to set healthy boundaries at home around the use of technology and feel more in control of their child’s online world.

This presentation covers a range of issues including:
• Creating a healthy balance at home between technology and free creative play time for children
• How to set limits at home around technology to optimise children’s wellbeing
• The effects of excessive use of technology on children’s mental and physical health
• Tips and strategies to help students stay safe online
• The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
• Potential risks that confront children online
• Protecting your child in a multi-device environment – PC, Macs & Tablets
• Effective filters for the home
• How to set restrictions on iPads, iPods & iPhones
• Strategies to deal with cyberbullying
• Preventative strategies that help minimise the risk of being cyberbullied
• How to encourage children to talk to parents about online experiences

Don’t miss this essential parent night!
7pm Wednesday 10th February

To register your place for this seminar please go to the following link:
http://goo.gl/forms/t9p8R2fPlM
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

**Bookings/Cancellations/Adjustments please call 9592 0994 directly.**

Parents, please provide a broad rimmed or legionnaire sun hat and sunscreen for the OSHC program.

A big welcome to all families. The staff at the OSHC service are looking forward to a great 2016 filled with fun, learning and building memories.

Enrolment
The OSHC is a separate entity to that of the school therefore subscribes to different legislation and regulations. For those that wish to attend then an OSHC enrolment record must be completed for each child. A copy can be found on the school website under the "Community" tab, at the office or at the service.

Update information
Any change of contact details, parent circumstance or medical conditions of children is to be emailed directly to melissa.asmar1@gmail.com

Regular Bookings
The service is now asking families to confirm their regular bookings for 2016. This can be made by calling the service number or email melissa.asmar1@gmail.com Please note that there is NO charge for absent days. Casual users are advised to call directly prior to 3.20 pm on 9592 0994. In addition we strongly advise families to notify the service of any cancellation.

Early Finishes
The service will be open on Tuesday 2/2/2016 and Thursday 4/2/2016 from 2.00 onwards due to early finish parent teacher interviews. To confirm your booking please call 959 20994, or email melissa.asmar1@gmail.com or use the booking diary located at the sign in/out area. No extra cost will apply and snack will be served at the regular time of 3.45pm.

Operating Hours and Costs

A 50% rebate is available to all families intending on using the service when they register with the DHS.
To Register for Child Care Benefit and Rebate call the Department of Human Services on 13 61 50 or visit the DHS website www.humanservices.gov.au

Initial Registration Fee $30; $15 for subsequent children (CCB not applicable to enrolment fee)
Please note that this is a once off fee

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Extra for excursions and Incursions
Late fee: $1 minute
CareMonkey Information for our parents….
As you know we take the health and safety of our students very seriously. CareMonkey is an innovative parent controlled electronic medical form for schools, clubs and other groups with a duty of care. It’s an electronic version of the paper based forms you always have to fill in for excursions, camps, etc. It provides parent’s the opportunity to update medical information promptly and accurately while providing the school with instant access to the emergency information provided. We will be using the CareMonkey app in the best interest of the children whilst also reducing the burden on parents to fill out the same information on multiple forms throughout the year.

Parents can use a PC, laptop, tablet or smart phone to enter the details including:

- emergency contacts
- medical contacts
- medical checklist including asthma, allergies, seizures, diabetes
- health and ambulance insurance details
- notes and other care instructions from parents
- and more…

As a parent you would have already received an email from the CareMonkey system inviting you to enter the details for your child in the electronic medical form. This information is for school use only and will only be accessible by the relevant teacher(s) for your child.

Excursion and camp information will be emailed to parents and online authorisation will be required. We will also utilise an SMS network to alert parents via text messages important information such as early / late bus arrival times after excursions and camps, and other circumstances that arise at short notice.

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions. You can also visit the CareMonkey website for more information: [www.caremonkey.com](http://www.caremonkey.com)

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:**
The Uniform Shop will be open on the following mornings:

Tuesdays 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 16\textsuperscript{th} February – 9am – 9.30am.

Reminder – order forms are available from the office or they can be downloaded via the school website.
Orders can be left at the office and will be filled and returned to the eldest child’s classroom.
SHROVE TUESDAY:
Traditionally at St Finbar's on Shrove Tuesday parents bring in pancakes for each class to enjoy as part of the celebration of Easter. We will need two parents from each class to prepare the pancakes and then two parents to help serve them in class. All classes will be having the pancakes at 10am.

Please click on the link to volunteer your time. Thank you.
https://www.volunteersignup.org/3EP3X

TUCK SHOP NEWS:
In 2016 The Healthy Hut will open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Exciting New Menu is coming home today.
Tuck shop commences on Monday 1st February
Thank you, Anna.

Menu link: 2016 Healthy Hut Menu

COMMUNITY NEWS

STAR OF THE SEA ENROLMENTS: There has been a change to enrolment information for Star of the Sea College. We have moved to electronic Prospectus and forms and they are available from our website: www.star@starmelb.catholic.edu.au under the heading Enrolment.

Commencing this year prospective parents need to visit our website in order to complete their application for 2017. They can also request hard copies of the Prospectus and Application Form for Year 7 in 2017. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 9596 6099 or via email aquilina@starmelb.catholic.edu.au.

College Tour to be held on Saturday 13 February, 2016 at Star of the Sea College commencing at 9.30am with a brief presentation from the Principal and current students. Following the formalities, tours will be conducted in small groups. Bookings are not required.

De La Salle College is an independent Catholic College for boys in Year 4 – 12. Located on two adjacent campuses in Malvern, our College provides a respectful and encouraging environment where strong family values are reinforced. De La Salle does not have designated priority parish catchment zones and can draw widely from all parts of Melbourne, with all parish primary schools given priority in the enrolment process.*

*All applications are processed in accordance to our Enrolment Policy. Further details available on our website.

Friday 26 February 2016 Applications for Year 7, 2017 close
March 2016 Enrolment interviews hosted for all Year 7, 2017 applicants
Friday 22 April 2016 Offers of places to prospective Year 7, 2017 students are posted
Friday 6th May 2016 Final date for acceptance of offers made.
2016 De La Salle College tour details:

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Our College tours are a great way for families to see our school in action. During the group tours attendees hear from the principal and have the opportunity to explore the school, ask questions about the curriculum and the enrolment process, and speak to current students. Tours are led by Year 9 and 10 student ambassadors and run for approximately 90 minutes. Bookings on tours are essential and can be made online via the College Tours page on the De La Salle website: [www.delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours](http://www.delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours). If you would like to receive a College Prospectus and Application Pack, please contact the College Registrar, Rachel Cicala on 9508 2186 or by email: rcicala@delasalle.vic.edu.au

COMING HOME TODAY:

- **Eldest** child, all years 2016 Healthy Hut Menu
- **Every** child, Year 3–6 Swimming Trials flyer and permission slip
2016 Fun

Come 'N' Try Calisthenics

www.bentleighcalisthenics.com

Fitness Friendship

Rock Up Netball
Free Pilot Program
A Different Way to Play
Join in, get social and enjoy the experience.

Venue: Thomas St, Hampton. Indoor Netball Court
Date: Tuesday: 23rd February, 1st, 8th and 15th March
Time: 10:00-11:00am
Register: www.rockupnetball.com.au

For more information
rockupnetball.com.au or 9321 2222