



Wavlink

Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Wavlink Community,

What a vibrant and full Term 1 we've had at Wavlink, it's been a whirlwind of activity! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff, who have worked tirelessly, many without a break between terms to ensure our programs continue to run with the warmth, inclusivity, and support that make Wavlink such a great place.

Over the past few months, we've seen some exciting new programs come to life. Our Money Skills class, which began in October 2024, has quickly filled. Participants have been engaging in learning the essentials of budgeting, saving, and money skills all of which are deeply practical and empowering.

We've also launched our new Make and Bake class on Wednesday afternoons, where participants are exploring healthy, easy to make snacks in a fun environment. All of our cooking classes continue to shine thanks to our fantastic tutors, who design recipes using images and simple instructions, and always adapt to suit different dietary needs.

Another highlight this term has been our Carers Group Activities, which has been meeting on Fridays to create beautiful ceramic wind chimes. These workshops have provided a much-needed space for carers to take some time for themselves, connect with others, and share in creative expression. We're delighted to announce that a new series of these workshops will run from 21 May to 11 June, so if you or someone you know would benefit, we'd love to welcome you along.

Our Tech Skills and Cyber Security sessions will also launch in May, thanks to grant funding from the Victorian Government. These workshops will be available to anyone in the greater Community particularly to vulnerable groups, offering valuable support in using iPads, mobile phones, and laptops, with a focus on staying safe online and building digital confidence. We're excited about these tech workshops, as they provide a great opportunity to explore the ever changing world of digital technology and AI. Whether you're just starting out or looking to refresh your knowledge, we'd love to hear from you about what topics you think are most important to you.

Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who are crucial to the success of everything we do. Whether they're working one on one with participants to support learning, assisting with clay work or recording minutes of meetings, they do it all with patience, kindness, and care. We applaud and appreciate every one of you.

The Wavlink Team



Wavlink is built on the lands of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong People.
We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Recent Highlights

Check it out!



Next time you pop by Wavlink you will see a brand new bulletin board out front next to our Street Library.

Thanks to Amber's keen eye for a great piece just wanting to be upcycled and the workmanship and time given by our wonderful neighbours at Monash Men's Shed, we now have another way to share upcoming events and to reach out to the neighbourhood and passersby.

Special thanks the Monash Men's Shed for all they do for Wavlink. So check it out, grab a book and pop in for a cuppa!



Carers' Ceramic Windchime Workshop

Thanks to the support of CarersVic, we were able to offer free ceramic workshops for carers in our community. Over three Friday afternoons, we gathered to make ceramic wind chimes, chop stick holders and brooches, whilst enjoying afternoon tea and making new friends.

The 'Connecting Carers in their Community' grants program is supported by the Victorian Government and implemented by CarersVic. Anyone who gives their valuable time to care for another, was welcome to attend. We will host more ceramic workshops in May and June. Contact us for more information.





Skills Building with Wavlink



"Money Skills in Action!"

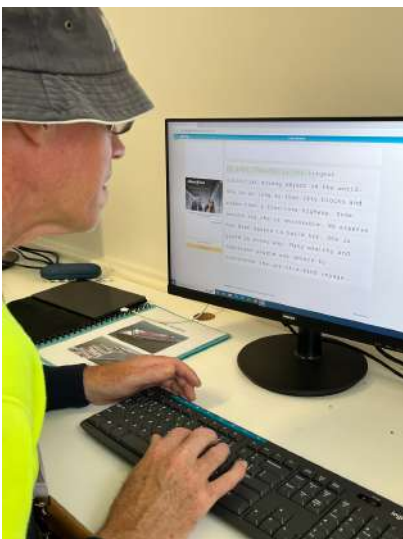
Our All Ability group has been making great strides in the Money Skills course! Recently, we had a blast playing Money Skills Hangman, with Daley and Colin showcasing their impressive guessing skills.

Through interactive activities like simulated shopping and task cards, our participants are building confidence and independence in managing their finances.

We're proud of their progress and excited to see their skills continue to grow!" – Sujata, Money Skills tutor



Wavlink offers a number of skills development classes including Independent Living Skills, Literacy and Numeracy, Tech Skills and Money Skills, as well as short courses in Cyber Security Awareness.





Independent Living Skills

“We have two Independent Living Skills sessions this term at Wavlink. On Tuesday mornings participants are in the kitchen, practicing Kitchen Skills including food safety, nutrition and preparing simple meals. On Tuesday afternoons, participants develop and practice useful skills including money handling, household tasks, self care and interpersonal skills. If you are interested in developing your independent living skills and taking part in a fun and engaging group, contact Wavlink.

“The social aspect of Independent Living Skills helps to improve people’s confidence and engagement with others.”
– Teresa, ILS tutor



Ceramics

One of our most popular creative classes is Ceramics, with three sessions each week. Check out just some of the beautiful pieces that have come out of the kiln in recent months.



An interview with Mel

"In Mosaics we have fun with friends. I love to choose what to make and getting all the tiles. Then you put it all on the board and start to glue each tile down. After that you grout.

I also got an award from the course I was doing!" - Mel



Saturday Social and Saturday Cooking

Saturday Social and Saturday Cooking members took advantage of the good weather to cook a bbq to end to the term. After a busy week, it's great to relax and catch up with mates. The Community Garden continues to flourish and it is a lovely space to unwind.





Diary Dates

- **Monday 21 April Easter Monday** (Public Holiday)
Wavlink Closed- please remember to cancel Taxi's
- **Tuesday 22 April Term 2 begins**
- **Friday 25 April ANZAC DAY** (Public Holiday)
Wavlink Closed- please remember to cancel Taxi's
- **Monday 9 June King's Birthday** (Public Holiday)
Wavlink Closed- please remember to cancel Taxi's
- **Saturday 5 July Term 2 ends**

Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome volunteers to support our community activities in various roles including:

- Fundraising
- Tutor support,
- Basic Administration
- Governance – Volunteer Board Directors

If you have experience in any of these areas or a desire to learn and contribute, contact us to register your interest and find out more about how you can get involved.

Contact us

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Wavlink Program Timetable

22 April - 5 July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Craft & Chat 9.30am - 12.30pm	Ceramics 9.30am - 12.30pm	Ceramics 9.30am - 12.30pm
Make & Bake 9.30pm - 12.30pm	ILS Kitchen Skills 9.30am-12.30pm	Cooking 9.30am - 12.30pm
Online Social 10.30am - 12.00pm	Garden Social 9.30am - 12.30pm	Literacy 9.30am - 12.30pm
Out and About 9.30am-1.30pm	*Out and About 9.30am-1.30pm	
Lunch 12.30pm - 1.30pm		
Mosaics 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Print & Paint 1.30pm-3.30pm	Cardmaking 1.30pm-3.30pm
IT Skills 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Independent Living Skills 1.30pm-3.30pm	IT Skills 1.30pm-3.30pm
	*Making Healthy Snacks 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Make and Bake 1.30pm-3.30pm
		Dinner Cooking 4.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ceramics 9.30am- 12.30pm	Jewellery 9.30am-12.30pm	Saturday Social 10.00am - 12.30pm
Money Skills 9.30am-12.30pm	Money Skills 9.30am-12.30pm	Cooking 10.00am - 12.30pm
IT Skills 9.30am- 12.30pm	Nature Lovers 9.30am-12.30pm	*Money Skills 10am-12.30pm
	*Out and About 9.30am-1.30pm	

Lunch Activites 12.30pm - 1.30pm - Walking group, games and social time.		
Art 1.30pm-3.30pm	Friday Fun 1.30pm-3.30pm	Crafty Creation 1.00pm-3.00pm
Textiles 1.30pm-3.30pm	*Tech Skills 1.30pm-3.30pm	Tech Skills 1.00pm-3.00pm
*Bowling 1.30pm-3.30pm		
Dinner Cooking 4.00pm-6.00pm		

*New program - please register your interest to go on the wait list and be notified when activity commences.

Activity Room

Garden Studio

Computer Room

Kitchen

Community

Online

Fundraising

To support our fundraising efforts purchase a gift or make a donation

HELP US GROW!



Look out for seed gift order forms at our reception area or contact us to receive directly. Order a gift of seeds for \$10 each and help Wavlink raise funds. \$5 from every purchase will go towards new equipment for our classes and community activities.



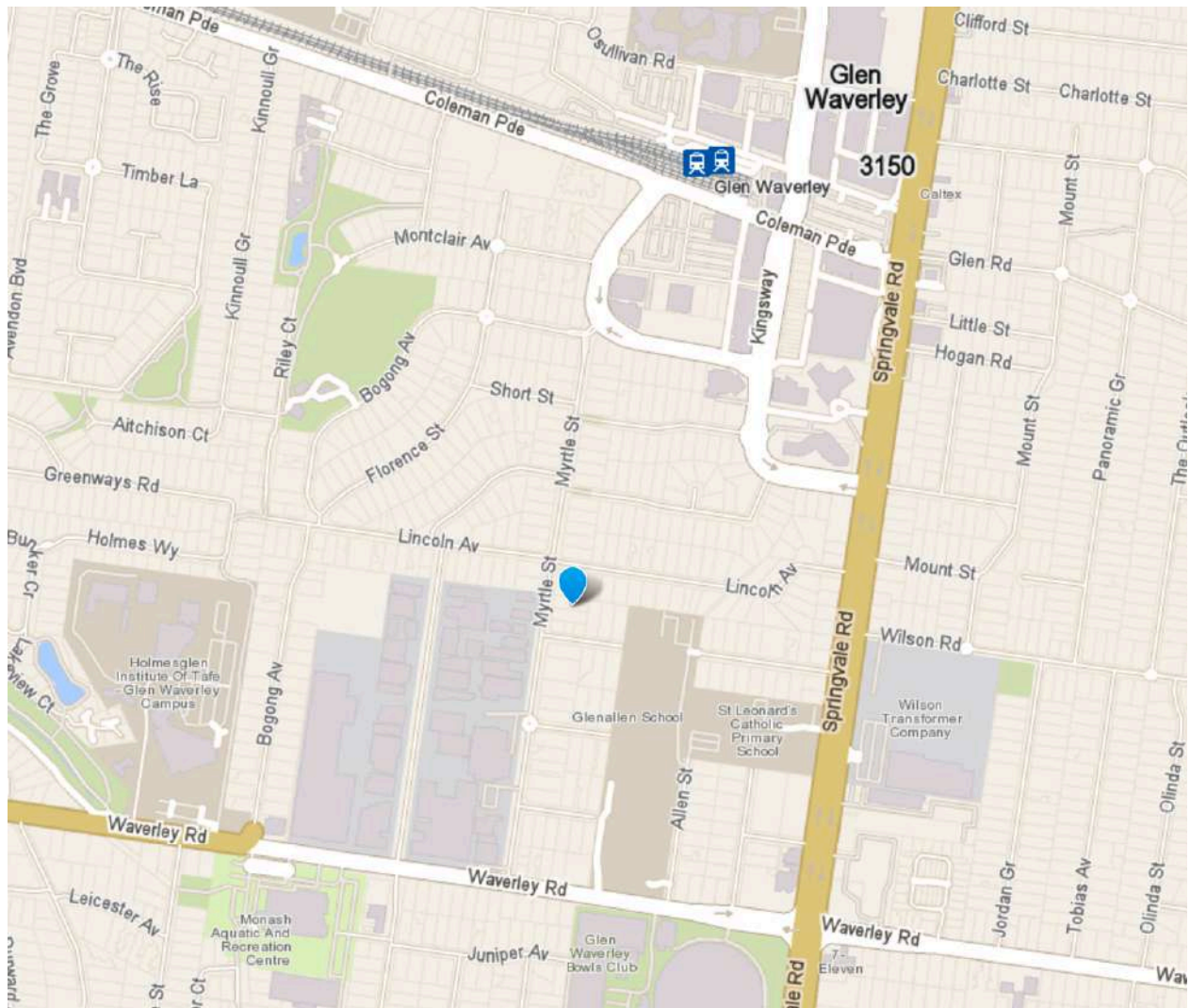
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DONATE NOW



All donations over \$2 are tax deductible

Contribute and help create opportunities for people with a disability to build skills, independence and community connections

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Get Involved

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You can also visit us in person, call or email us.



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