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March 2022

//EO Message

2022 has started with continued degrees of working flexibly and connecting with community as we begin new projects across the region.

A big thank-you to the young people who have said 'yes' to joining Youth Conversations Phase 2 work and to the Engagement in Learning-Glenelg team for planning the 'Teach the Teacher' Program with eight schools in the Glenelg Shire. Read all about these 2 initiatives below.

We will continue to work in our three focus areas throughout the year:

- * Social and Emotional Wellbeing;
- * Disadvantaged Children and Young People; and
- * Engagement with Learning.

There are even more new projects on the horizon, we continue to support the Positive Transitions to School Project establishing Stepping Stones to School throughout the region and the continuing the *Sanga and Ops* campaign supporting the transition from kinder to school.

If you would like to discuss an initiative that aligns to our vision and purpose, please contact us on info@btb.org.au.

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Executive Officer





//School Readiness Campaign

'Sanga and Oops' – Get ready for School!

A new webpage to host all five episodes of Sanga & Oops, plus an array of different resources for teachers and parents, is well into development include an [online flyer](#) with links to resources for parents.

A resource pack is also being finalised, with brochures and information plus copies of the different episodes, which will be distributed to all stakeholders and a range of childcare providers across the Great South Coast region.

The five current episodes of Sanga & Oops, plus a collected edition, are available to view on YouTube. Watch the videos [here](#).

Thank-you to all who have contributed to this piece of work.

//Youth Conversations update

The Youth Conversations phase two, seeking young people aged 12-19 years is currently being finalised, with the first meeting to be held mid-March. Applications have been received from across the different local government areas. We are excited about the next phase of this project, with youth advocacy and voice leading this project to implement significant change throughout the great south coast.

Project Officer Rachel Wilks has been doing the media rounds, with articles in The Standard and The Colac Herald. She also had a chat with Jeremy Lee on ABC South West Victoria. If you would like to listen back to the interview, a copy is posted [here on the BtB website](#).

This project is a collaboration with the following partners:

- Brophy Family & Youth Services
- Deakin University - Warrnambool
- Department of Family, Fairness and Housing
- Department of Education and Training - Wimmera South West Area
- Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network
- South West Local Learning and Employment Network
- South West TAFE
- Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic)

//Engagement in Learning - 'Teach the Teacher'

The Engagement in Learning-Glenelg Phase 2 'Teach the Teacher' Project successfully conducted the first workshop on the February 23. Hosted by Heywood Consolidated School, the program had 40 year 4-6 students representing eight primary schools from across the Glenelg Shire participating and sharing their experience.

Schools involved include:

- Bolwarra Primary School
- Bundarra Primary School
- Casterton Primary School
- Dartmoor Primary Schools
- Heywood Consolidated School
- Merino Consolidated School
- Portland North Primary School
- Narrawong Primary School

The 'Teach the Teacher' program will consist of 5 workshops across the year, supported by Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC). The aim of the program is to embed student voice in developing school practices resulting in long term cultural change. The program allows students to drive change at school by collecting thoughts and opinions of their peers and leading collaborative conversations with teachers, school leadership and staff.

In a coup for the region, this is only the second time that multiple schools across a shire have participated together in the ten years Teach the Teacher has operated. Usually, schools participate individually in the program.

We look forward to the next workshop in May.

This project is an initiative of the BtB Glenelg Local Action Group.



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