

# NEWSLETTER 1

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## MONASH OAKLEIGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION SERVICE INC

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### DIARY- UPCOMING DATES

Foodbank Deliveries:- 22nd Jan, 5th Feb, 19th Feb, 5th & 19th March

Reopen in 2025:- **Monday** 13th January

**Monday's staff will get everything set up and organised for opening officially on Tuesday**

Reopen for clients in 2025:- **Tuesday** 14th January

Roster:- **January** still has Monday 21st needing 2 volunteers.

Next Committee Meeting:- **Thursday** 16th January 2025

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## ROBBERY

As I'm sure you all know- we were robbed!

It's shocking, that our organisation, one designed to help the vulnerable and those in need; find itself spending funds and effort in replacing stolen items.

The really sad part is that the thieves knew where to go and what they wanted, it doesn't appear to be a random raid! ... but that's my guess?

With the possibility of not all items being replaced before we open, once again; vulnerable individuals, families and those most needy are the ones who will ultimately suffer.

Hopefully the police will catch them!!



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### Terry White Chemist

The free scripts are proving very popular with our clients and the staff at *Terry White* are extremely helpful if we ring them with a question. Just remind the client that the script and Centrelink Concession card must have the same name. Only PBS medicines are given free. If the client cannot get to the chemist, instructions on how to scan the script to the chemist are in the folder in filing cabinet 5.

### OP SHOP

**Men's underwear is now kept in the drawer in the back room.**

*Maureen* is still receiving many donations and is MORE THAN WILLING to have assistance with the sorting of this. Please let Maureen know if you are able to assist her on a regular basis.

## Donations

Hughesdale Primary School Year 3 students



Left to right they are **Connal, Isla, Jemma, Daphne** and **Sophia**

*“My 8 year old daughter and some friends from her grade 3 class, organised a special stall at the Hughesdale Primary School Community Night; last night to raise money for your support centre.*

*They learned about your services through the school newsletter, as the school was asking people to donate food items for your food pantry.*

*They (with a little parental help) made slime, cupcakes, reindeer candy canes, bookmarks, origami, a lucky dip, Christmas decorations and pompom keyrings. They ran the stall themselves- including running around the crowd hawking their products.*

*It was a lovely learning experience for all of them and they're so proud that they were able to raise **\$352.45** to support people in need.”*

*From Karen- a very, very proud mum.*

We offer a HUGE thank you to **Connal, Isla, Jemma, Daphne** and **Sophia!**

It is so heart-warming that they have made this effort to help people less fortunate than themselves.

We have sent a letter of thanks to them.

What a wonderful world we will have in the future, if the aspirations and social awareness of these young people keep shaping their future.

We sincerely thank all these young, entrepreneurial students.

## Back Door

The back door is now in locked position on a lean. Please check to see that it is locked before you leave for the day. Maybe if we left it unlocked, the thieves wouldn't have smashed their way in???

BUT.... I recommend we continue locking it!

*Glenda has a new play opening next year. “**The Appleton Ladies Potato Race**”. It's on at the Malvern Theatre from **Feb 14th - March 1st**. Those of you who ventured out last time to see *Glenda* perform, know what a great theatre it is and it's also home to a wonderful ensemble cast.*

[www.malverntheatre.com.au](http://www.malverntheatre.com.au)

## Retiring

Is with a heavy heart that we are saying goodbye to **Chris Krahn**. *Chris* has been a volunteer here for over 11 years and we will miss her smiling face and good humour. *Good luck and enjoy your time away from MOCSIS Chris, I'm sure your beautiful grandsons will take up much of your time.*



## Grandchildren, pets and other things

we love...

*Samara wearing the BEST top ever!!*



# TRIBUTE TO BERNADETTE

Bernadette had been a volunteer with Monash Oakleigh Community Support and Information Service (MOCSIS) for 17 years, ten of which she was President. Having Bernadette as President for ten years, ensured stability and a reputation of an organisation that is capable and manages its affairs with great competence. During her time at MOCSIS, Bernadette had instilled a model of respect and warmth for the volunteers and the clients who come for support. It is instilled in volunteers that we respect the clients, that we show empathy and not value judge. Privacy and respect are at the heart of everything we strive to achieve.

Bernadette guided and represented MOCSIS through her wide network of community contacts and the respect that was felt for her work in the agency and the community more broadly. She was recognised for her work with MOCSIS and the community with a Caroline Chisholm Volunteer award. This award was in recognition of volunteers within the Electorate of Chisholm. In 2015 she was awarded the Sir John Monash Volunteer of the year award. This award from Monash City Council was an overall recognition that through all categories of volunteer awards, she was ranked the highest.

- Bernadette was widely known in the community for her tireless volunteer work over many years.
- Bernadette volunteered for Vinnies Op shop in Pinewood for 20 years.
- Bernadette was the Treasurer of the Mt Waverley Chadstone Inter Church Council
- Bernadette was on the Pastoral Council of Christ out Holy Redeemer church and was involved in many aspects of the church community and regarded as a pillar of the church
- Bernadette was inducted into the CISVic Honour Roll in 2021

