Hi Everyone,

We had some lovely days for our bike rides last week, so much so that the middle school had to return to school a little early as it was too hot! I rode with the juniors and the seniors and we all had lots of fun. A very big thank you to Lisa, who did so much work organising these days. Not only did she help organise the actual rides, she also spent time in the holidays applying for grants to help defray the cost of opening up the disabled toilet and providing icy poles for all the students. Thanks also to the staff house leaders Lucy, Elizabeth, Victoria and Amy, as well as all staff who worked so hard to ensure the students had a great time. As you can see in the photos included in this newsletter the whole school really enjoyed all the activity.

A letter was sent home on Wednesday regarding the bomb scare at Fountain Gate Secondary College on Tuesday afternoon, but for those who didn’t read it I would just like to reiterate that the evacuation went extremely smoothly with all staff working together to ensure everyone was safe and calm. The students were magnificent, only a few were concerned that their bags were left at school, as we were not allowed to re-enter the building until the police gave us the all clear. We didn’t get the all clear until after the buses left. The bus staff were very supportive and did a wonderful job collecting our students from off the primary school oval.

We have regular drills at school to prepare for an emergency such as this, but I was so proud of the students managing to remain calm and patient for almost an hour on the oval. It is also good to know that our procedures work quite well. The staff will have an opportunity to highlight issues and the OH&S committee will adjust our emergency plan accordingly.

So pleased we didn’t blow up!

Cheers

Sue
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Junior School

Marrop received his Principal's award for being a Learner writing letters of the alphabet on a chalkboard in class.

Hayley received her Principal's award for being Responsible in the swimming pool.

Luca received his award for being Respectful and sharing with his classmates.

Udayraj received his award for being Safe by 'walking' around the pool.

Middle School

Zidirson received his Principal's award for being a Learner by engaging people during intensive interaction.

Jai received his award for being Responsible using the toilet more confidently.

Vivi received her Principal's award for being Respectful and concentrating when sitting for long periods of time.

Saaim received his Principal's award for being Safe by independently using the outside toilets near room 18.

Senior School

Ahmad received his Principal's award for being Respectful by using the phone politely.

Aaron received his Principal's award for being Responsible sitting well and learning new classroom routines.

Andrew received his Principal's award for being Safe by putting on a life jacket before getting on the yacht.

Maddison received his Principal's award for being a Learner and increasing his confidence in the pool.
Dandenong Valley SDS Student Support Group Meetings

Department of Education and Training Guidelines on Student Support Group Meetings recommend that 4 timetabled SSGs be scheduled—one per term.

Dandenong Valley SDS staff and parents/carers are encouraged to request an SSG whenever they have an identified need.

Timetabled meetings are offered next week.

To ensure that these meetings are purposeful and relevant, the focus of these meetings is to be declared prior to the meeting by the parent and or teacher who will list what they wish to discuss and who they wish to attend from the student’s learning team.

Parents should request a booking sheet from their child’s teacher if they wish to schedule an SSG meeting. All students will receive a detailed report on their progress at the end of this term.

Sue Chernishoff  
Principal

Judy Norton  
Assistant Principal
JUNIOR BIKE DAY AT DVSDS
This week we have been learning about Anzac Day.

We learnt that the Poppy is a symbol of Anzac Day as it was one of the only flowers to grow on the battlefields.

We made our own Poppy display.

We made Anzac biscuits and learnt that during the war, people made Anzac biscuits for the soldiers.

The last post was played at the end of the day during the war and on Anzac day to remember the soldiers who helped us.
Non-Slip Matting – available in rolls at the Reject Shop, Kmart, Bunnings etc for around $4.00. Helps to keep bowls and cups in place.

Scoop Bowls, to help our young people be independent, this oval bowl has a built up edge to help push food onto a fork or spoon, without ‘helper hands’. Available in two sizes from; Linds Rehabilitation Equipment. $14.95 for large and $11 for small.

Caring Cutlery, by Tommee Tippee (approx.. $15), great for little fingers to learn how to use a knife and fork, together. Available from Woolworths and Baby Bunting.

If you have any questions on the adaptive equipment your child uses, please do not hesitate to chat to your OT.
Dandenong Valley
‘My Time’ Parent Group

Provides support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

Parents and Carers can:

- Meet informally with others in similar circumstances
- A chance to relax, have a chat and enjoy a cuppa
- Hear from others and share ideas and experiences
- Find out about resources and services available to families
- Get extra parenting information and skills development

**Venue:**
Dandenong Valley SDS
Victoria Road
Narre Warren, 3805

**Time:**
Tuesdays
9:30am - 12:30pm
(fortnightly)

**10th May**
Alfred Health

**24th May**
State Trustees

**7th June**
General catch-up

For enquiries please call:
Lynne Wood 0418 480 166
CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE - Sat April 30th

INFORMATION, SERVICES & PRODUCTS FOR ASD IN ONE PLACE

Sat April 30th, 2016
10am - 5pm
Karrabryka Centre
Mines Road,
Ringwood East VIC 3135

WELCOME TO MELBOURNE AUTISM EXPO

The Melbourne Autism Expo 2016 (MAE 2016) is for anyone who is touched by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The Melbourne Autism Expo provides an opportunity for children, teenagers, families and adults to access useful, practical (and sometimes unusual) information, products and services related to ASD. We also encourage teachers and extended family members to attend to learn more about ASD and how you can support those living with ASD.

We have a broad range of products and services represented at MAE 2016 including Therapy and Support Centres, OT, Speech, Psychologists, Sport and Physical Training Specialists, Musicians, Pharmacy and Health Services, Respite, Sensory Items, Toys, Special Needs Photography, Dieticians, Schools, Government and Community Organisations, Educational Supplies and Equipment, Art and Craft, Lego, Technology and much more!

MAE 2016 will also be great for anyone working with ASD children and their families. The Expo provides a brilliant opportunity to see and meet others working in your area of expertise!


TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY

MICHAEL SUKKAR MP
Federal Member for Deakin

BERNIE FINN MP
Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Autism, and Melbourne Autism Expo Ambassador
Coffee afternoons for parents who have a child with Down syndrome.

Come along and relax with a cuppa and chat with other parents.

Children welcome.

Taking place the first Wednesday of every month, except during school holidays. From 1.00 - 2.30pm

2016 dates:

4 May
1 June
13 July
3 August
7 September
5 October
2 November
7 December

Mentone Baptist Church
36 Harpley St Cheltenham
(Cnr Warrigal Rd and Harpley St)
Melway reference 87 B4

To RSVP or for more info, contact parent facilitator Valerie on 0409 850 191, or contact the MOIRA Parent Support Officer on 8552 2222/communicatsupport@moira.org.au
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