Hi Everyone,

I am so pleased that so many families came to our Twilight Open Evening last Wednesday. There were plenty of smiles and a lot of interest in our classroom displays. A big thank you needs to be extended to all staff who stayed at school to make the evening possible.

The winner of our quiz was Maddison Darmanin and family who won a $100 family movie pass. We also held a raffle and the first prize went to Atoaga (transition) and family, second was Louise (staff) room 23, third was Leonie (staff) room 22 and fourth was Maddison (room 23) and family.

The technology theme continues into this week with many students involved in our design and technology incursion this Thursday.

On Monday night this week I was proud and privileged to act as roadie for our school band. The band had been invited by Joel Evans of the Melbourne Arts Centre to perform at Hamer Hall in the city. The band was there as a support act for “Dare To Be Different” a film produced by Maggie Miles and is about 3 Port Phillip Specialist School Students. Our students were fabulous ambassadors for our school, their behaviour was exemplary. Their performance impeccable and they are a credit to their families.

Our band is called “The Drive Thruz” and the members are Skye Elliot, Vanessa Armel, Januka Udage, Miguel Melendez, James Finnigan and Rai Miranda.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Amanda our music teacher. She stayed on at the Arts Centre after the students and I left as an expert panellist speaking about the role the arts play in enhancing student learning.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**TERM DATES 2016**

Term 2  11th April to 24th June  
Term 3  11th July to 16th Sept.  
Term 4  3rd Oct. to 20th Dec.

**CURRICULUM DAYS 2016**

10th Aug.  Student Free Day  
20th Dec.  Last Day of School  

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2016**

13th June  Queens Birthday  
30th Sept  AFL Grand Final  
1st Nov  Melbourne Cup  

**JUNE**  
Queens Birthday  
Last day of Term 2  
FINISH AT 2.00 PM

**JULY**  
11th  Start of Term 3  
18th  22nd English Book Fair  
The Arts Show  
20th  SSG’s  

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**LITTLE TREASURES**

are: Miguel Rm. 18,  Jaxon Rm. 14,  Paul Rm. 14,  Mujo Foundation.

James Transition,  Andrew Transition.

Congratulations to all our Little Treasures as they continue to keep up their good work in term 2.
**Principal Awards**

**Junior School**
- Bebe received her Principal’s award for being a Learner by completing activities at the table.
- Marrop received his Principal’s award for being Responsible by completing all tasks with verbal prompting.
- Maha received her award for being Safe by waiting at the classroom at the end of playtime.
- Carl received his award for being Respectful waiting until everyone has finished at mealtime.

**Middle School**
- Aaron received his Principal’s award for being a Learner using his words to communicate with others during lunch.
- Amy received her award for being Responsible by cleaning her table after lunch.
- Damien received his Principal’s award for being Respectful of others while on camp.
- Mitchell received his Principal’s award for being Safe while on camp.

**Senior School**
- Nooroo received his Principal’s award for being Respectful by always being friendly to his friends.
- Luke received his Principal’s award for being Safe by exploring the playground equipment with confidence.
- Michael received his Principal’s award for being Responsible by initiating Proloquo2go to communicate with his iPad.
- Mati received her Principal’s award for being a Learner mastering the art of advanced shoe lace tying.
Room 19 Shopping

Room 19 have been learning about money and are developing their independence while out in the community!

Looking for the items on our shopping list.

Fletch, Sid and Jai using the self service check-out.

Ryan and Lachie paying for lunch with their own money!

Enjoying our lunch after a hard session shopping!
**Communication Corner!**

**WHAT IS AIDED LANGUAGE STIMULATION?**

**Aided Language Stimulation**

For many children with disabilities, communication is a difficult skill to master. Many of our students at Dandenong Valley Special Developmental School rely on Augmentative and/or Alternative Communication (AAC) systems to support their expressive and receptive communication.

**AIDED LANGUAGE STIMULATION** is a communication strategy, where the communication partner, being a parent, teacher or therapist teaches the meaning of symbols and models language by combining their own verbal communication with selection of vocabulary on the student’s designated AAC system.

The Diagram to the right illustrates that in order for students to use Aided Language or an AAC system, we have to stimulate communication by using aided language in functional environments.

Expectation for a student to use their AAC without modelling, results in confusion and significant communication breakdown.

Here is how we are using AIDED LANGUAGE STIMULATION at Dandy Valley.
MyTime (Playgroup Victoria) in conjunction with VALID will be hosting a free parent workshop on

Planning for the future
Conducted by Christine Scott

Christine Scott has many years working in the disability sector, along with personal experience as a parent of a young adult with a disability who is part of the NDIS. Christine works at VALID and has long-term experience working with families in creating person-centred plans, which help to plan for the future, including the transition to the NDIS.

This workshop will cover
• What is ‘good’ person-centred planning?
• Identifying the gaps and needs that require funding and/or action
• Using your Plan to substantiate what you need from the NDIS

Unfortunately the previous workshop was cancelled due to unexpected circumstances so a new date has been set – see below

Where: Dandenong Valley Special Development School 19-21 Victoria Road, Narre Warren
When: Wednesday 2nd December, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Cost: Free A light supper will be provided

RSVP is Essential.

Please phone your attendance to Lynne Wood 0418 480 166 OR fill in the reply slip below and return to school.

Planning for the future workshop  Wednesday 2nd December, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
I would like to attend  yes / no
Name: ........................................................................................................
Childs name: ..................................................................................... Class: ............
Would you like any help or assistance?

Dr. Kylie Jackson, our School Psychologist, is available one day per fortnight on a Friday, to meet with our parents to discuss any assistance that may be needed.

Listed below are just some of the topics Kylie may discuss or assist you with.

* Carer allowance
* Carer payment
* Carer adjustment payment
* Centrelink forms in general
* Respite (in home and out of home)
* DHS Disability Services
* Windermere (short term packages and case management)
* Continence Allowance
* Companion Card
* Parking Permit
* Support with social, emotional and behavioural issues, toileting, sleep, diet, routine, communication, sensory issues
* Counselling
* Understanding your child and their disability
* Understanding the IQ assessment and outcome for your child
* Liaising with GP, Paediatrician regarding your child’s health
* Talking through options regarding school (age 2.8-18 years)

Funding options available including Helping Children with Autism and Better Start Funding

Please ring our Reception Office on 9704-4800 to make an appointment.
LIVING WITH AUTISM.
DEALING WITH BEHAVIOURS AND ASD

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum?
Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 4 weeks you will:
- Discuss why the behaviours are happening
- Identify new ideas and strategies
- Hear from other parents and share experiences
- Identify new supports

WHEN: Thursday 14th, 21st, 28th July and 4th August
TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School
Belair Avenue Frankston
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton 0499 007 416 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided

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