Hi Everyone,

As I write this newsletter item, teachers are putting the finishing touches to reports and student goal books. The reports are simply a report on progress towards achieving individual goals by the end of the year but the goal books are photographic evidence of your child actively engaged in working towards their goals. The goal books I’ve seen so far are amazing.

I have asked Bec to copy a page from the current Noticeboard Magazine to include with this newsletter. Noticeboard is the magazine for the Association for Children with a Disability (ACD).

It is an information sheet on being ready for the NDIS. It gives great advice and some very useful links. Although NDIS won’t be rolled out in our area soon the information is great and will help families be prepared when it comes time for initial planning meetings. At the bottom of the page you will also find the ACD website which is very useful.

The weather is freezing and many noses are running. We are currently afflicted with a really nasty “cold” which takes a long time to go away. I am ringing families on a daily basis to come and pick up sick children. So please if your child is sick keep them home because germs spread like wildfire and we all get sick.

Try to stay warm.

Sue
**Junior School**

- **Fawad** received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** by unpacking and taking his lunch to the kitchen.
- **George** received his award for being **Respectful** of others communication style & participating in Intensive Interaction.
- **Harry** received his award for being **Safe** and staying with the group at Scienceworks.

- **Logan** received his Principal’s award for being a **Learner** and using Eye Gaze.

**Middle School**

- **Samuel** received his award for being **Responsible** and being a good learner.
- **Zidirson** received his Principal’s award for being **Respectful** and interacting during morning circle.
- **Rachel** received her Principal’s award for being **Safe** and eating more independently.

- **Teagan** received her Principal’s award for being a **Learner** and recognising the letter ‘T’ on the keyboard.

**Senior School**

- **Antonio** received his Principal’s award for being **Respectful** and listening to instructions when on walks.
- **Claudia** received her Principal’s award for being **Safe** and keeping her shoes on in class.
- **Ellise** received her Principal’s award for being **Responsible** and having excellent behaviour whilst out shopping.
- **Andrew** received his Principal’s award for being a **Learner** and being an eager participant in woodwork at Fountain Gate Secondary.
Room 20
Fruit Salad
On the 26th of May the students participated in a DCT day. Resources were set out in the APT room and some students explored and played with the different recourses such as the large Lego bocks.

Craftpower supplied mini houses for the students to make and hammering could be heard across the school. Some students are still decorating their houses and they will bring them home when they are completed.

Jenny Prince
DCT coordinator
NDIS Top 10 tips

The NDIS will be rolling out in many places from July this year and the advice from the trial sites is to start getting ready now. Here are top 10 tips from Every Australian Counts to help you prepare.

1. Start today
   Your first NDIS planning meeting could be a pivotal moment in your life and it might be only months away. It's time to start thinking about how you want to live your life and what you need to achieve your goals.

2. Think big
   The NDIS will transform disability services and it's for life. It's time to stop worrying about barriers you might have run into in the past and start thinking about the big picture. What do you want to achieve in your life and how do you want to live it? It might take some time get used to the idea that the NDIS could actually change your world. It helps to talk through your goals, aspirations and dreams with people that know you well.

3. Write a list or keep a diary
   It's also important to think about your day-to-day reality. What are the barriers you encounter every day that make life harder than it could be? A good way to monitor this is to start documenting them now. You could write a diary, take photos or keep a list. This will provide concrete examples you can use in your first planning meeting to help you get the most out of your NDIS plan.

4. Be specific
   There's no doubt that the NDIS could be truly transformative — but it's up to you to make sure you take advantage of it. Try to be as specific as you can about what you need and what you want, what your goals are and how you want to live. Write all of these down and take them along to your first meeting.

5. Learn the language
   There's a whole world of NDIS jargon out there and it's a good idea to start getting your head around terms like funded supports, planners, centre-based service and support plan. This will help you to better understand the resources that are available and navigate the process. Check out the Every Australian Counts NDIS Dejargonomat and for a full list see NDPS's glossary (see links).

6. Research, research, research
   There's a reason that the NDIS was rolled out in trial sites first, and that's so that we can all learn from the experience of others. Try to get as much information in advance — this way you'll be better prepared to deal with any challenges and also to take full advantage of the opportunities of the NDIS. The Every Australian Counts website is a great place to start.

7. Get the paperwork done early
   It's a good idea to fill in your planning workbook well before you go in for your first meeting. It contains important questions about your life and your future and you don't want to have to come up with an answer on the spot!

8. Don't sweat the detail
   Have you previously felt pressure to list your needs in a priority order or compare the cost of one service or equipment over another? The NDIS changes all of that because it guarantees you all the reasonable and necessary supports that you need to help reach your goals in life. It's time to stop worrying about the detail and start re-imagining your future.

9. Get all your documents ready
   Before your first meeting get all the documentation you have together so you can streamline the process with your planner. This will help you to explain who you are and what you need. Try to collate all your medical, education and health documents to have it ready.

10. Take someone with you
    You don't have to go this process alone. Take along to your meeting people who know you well. That might be family, friends, support workers or advocates. They'll help you to make sure you aren't forgetting anything important and can assist with explaining your situation to your planner.

You can find out more about how the NDIS works, creating your NDIS plan and choosing your support on the 'NDIS and you' page (see links).

Links
www.ndis.gov.au/participants/planning-process
IRABINA AUTISM SERVICES IS AN NDIS SERVICE PROVIDER. WE CAN BOOK YOUR FREE INFORMATION SESSION FOR NDIS SERVICES NOW.

SERVICES OFFERED BY IRABINA AUTISM SERVICES INCLUDE:
- Applied Behaviour Analysis
- Diagnostic Clinic
- Early Intervention
- Family Support
- School Holiday Programs
- Training & Development
- Social Skills Programs such as Lego Club, iPad Club and Girls Club
- Sport & Activity based programs including Basketball and Dance classes, Aquatic Occupational Therapy and many other.

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FORTNIGHTLY HOUSE POINTS

WINNER
YELLOW

LOST PROPERTY
MISSING SOMETHING?
Check out the lost property box in Administration

School Uniforms

Some families have kindly donated preloved uniforms back to the school.
If you require an item of clothing for your child please contact Administration to see what is available.
BAM Allstars
Presents...

LAW & ORDER
"IF THE SHOE FITS"

Come and join us on our dance filled whodunit adventure!

2:00 pm - Sunday 19th June
Frankston Arts Centre
Davey Street Frankston
Tickets $12 - book @ Box Office 9784 1060

www.bamallstars.org.au

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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 837 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided

1300 984 011 | anglicarevic.org.au
Winter School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.
Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

**Winter school holiday dates:**
- Week 1: Monday 26th June to Friday 1st July 10am –4pm
- Week 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th July 10am – 4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

**Bookings essential as spaces are limited**
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

**Moonlit Sanctuary**
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