



Hello Everyone,

Firstly, this week I would like to let you know about changes to yard duty this term. Dandy Valley, in the past provided all students with a 45-minute lunch break. There have been a growing number of issues with this practice and staff perceived a need for a change. In term two, we have been trialling a split lunch break for our students and have cut the lunch break down to thirty minutes. From now on, the juniors and middle school students will play at the same time but in different playgrounds and the seniors and transition, students will share the main yard at a different time. We have already seen some very positive results.

Last Friday many of our staff had the flu immunisation, hopefully this will keep them safe from the flu this winter. I would like to remind families that although the council is not able to supply flu shots to our students at school, our students are eligible for free flu shots from your family doctor.

We have a lot of illness at school at the moment and I am constantly ringing families to pick up sick children. Currently we seem to have a lot of coughs, colds and gastro.

In related news the government has now notified us of a change to policy regarding student absences. We have always asked why your child is absent from school but starting from next term we have to contact you on the same day as your child is absent to find out why. I am asking all parents and carers to please develop the habit of calling the school and letting us know why your child is away from school. It is not enough to tell the bus staff, as we will still have to contact you directly to ask you why your child is absent.

Can you please ensure your contact details are up to date with our office? Especially if you have just recently changed your mobile number.

We have recently employed another teacher and some ES staff. This is because this year we have had quite a few late enrolments and class sizes were starting to become too big. We have cut down student numbers in three groups by creating a new group. We welcome Caroline, Scarlet and Justin to our staff next Monday 14th of May.

Regards
Sue



IMPORTANT DATES 2018

TERM DATES

Term 2 16 Apr - 29 Jun

Term 3 16 Jul - 21 Sep

Term 4 8 Oct - 21 Dec

SPECIAL DAYS

21st - 25th May

Education Week

19th June - Design &
Technology Day

22nd June - 2nd year
Junior Activity Evening

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

11th June

Queens Birthday

CURRICULUM DAYS

Monday 29th January

Friday 3rd August

Monday 5th November

4TH Day TBC

IMMUNISATIONS

17 Aug - HPV (2nd dose)

TBA - Meningococcal W

DOLLAR MITE BANKING

EVERY Wednesday

Principal's Awards



Cody received his Principal's Award for being **Safe** and holding hands and walking safely during the walkathon.



Taimoor received his Principal's Award for being a **Learner** for settling in and trying hard.



Rachel received her Principal's Award for being a **Learner** and climbing the monkey bar in PMP.



Mataio received his Principal's Award for being **Respectful** and being a good friend.



Aiden received his Principal's Award for being a **Learner** and using more verbal language.



Curtis received his Principal's Award for being **Responsible** with his personal space.



David received his Principal's Award for being **Respectful** and using appropriate behaviour.



Suha received her Principal's Award for being **Responsible** and making a purchase independently.

Treasure Ticket Winners:

Alexander - room 30

Jeton - room 13

Victoria - room 19

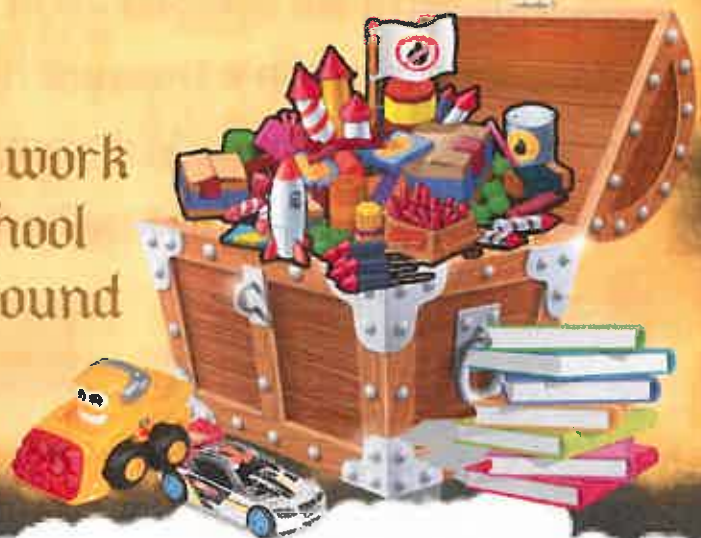
Jai - room 16

Shane - room 5

Edona - room 19

Congratulations to our winners!

Keep up the great work
following our school
rules in the playground



LOST SOMETHING?

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO HAVE A LOOK
THROUGH THE BOX IN THE FOYER.**

**REMEMBER TO LABEL
ALL CLOTHING**





Term 2 House Day – Treasure Hunt!



This term we dressed up in our house colours and went on a treasure hunt around our local neighbourhood. We completed a treasure map, won prizes and had icy poles!



Student Individual Education Plans

Student IEPs were not sent home at the end of term 1 as we have made some significant changes to our goal-setting process to ensure student IEPs are as relevant and as realistic as possible.

Students' individual goals will in future directly reflect the school's strategic priorities of:

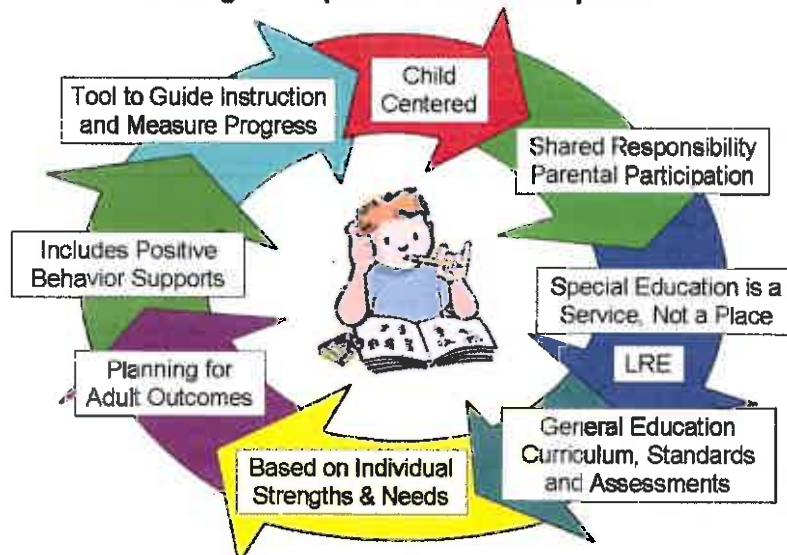
- **Communication**
- **Social competencies**
- **Independence**

They will be established in consultation with parents and therapists and sent home at the beginning of term 3 to ensure teachers have the best possible understanding of students' needs and current skills. Once established, the goals will remain current until the end of term 2 of the following year. As this is the first year of this cycle, teachers this year have been working with students based on their knowledge of previous goals and assessments.

Parents will receive reports on student achievement across the curriculum and on progress towards individual goals twice a year as in the past.

SSG meetings will be offered later this term and while parent input is welcome at any time, these meetings are the ideal time for discussions around your goals for your students and we would urge all parents to attend.

Guiding Principles for IEP Development



Speech Pathology

Keyword Sign

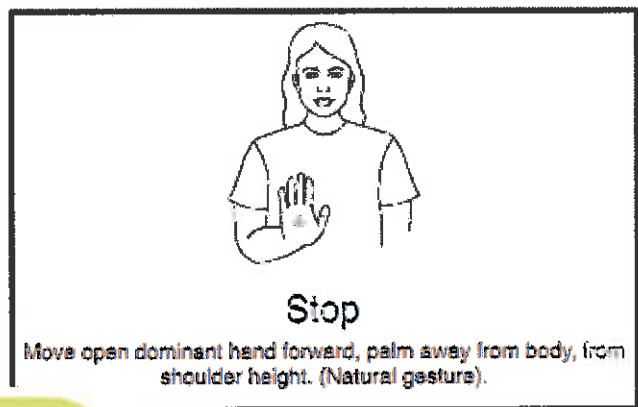
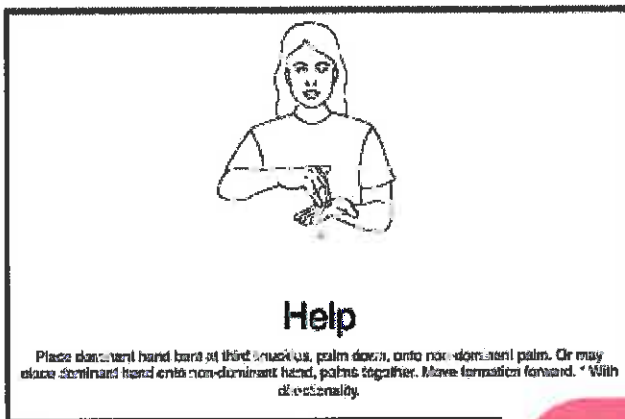
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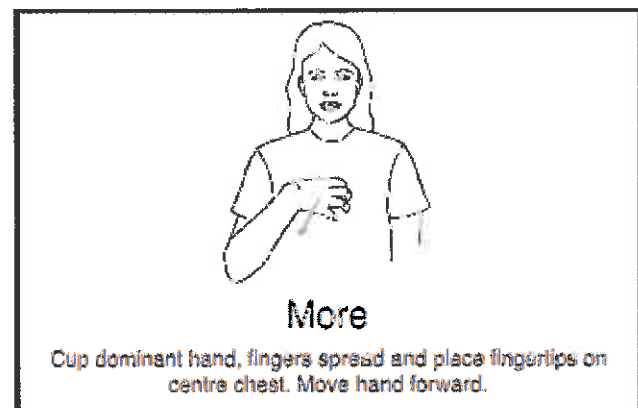
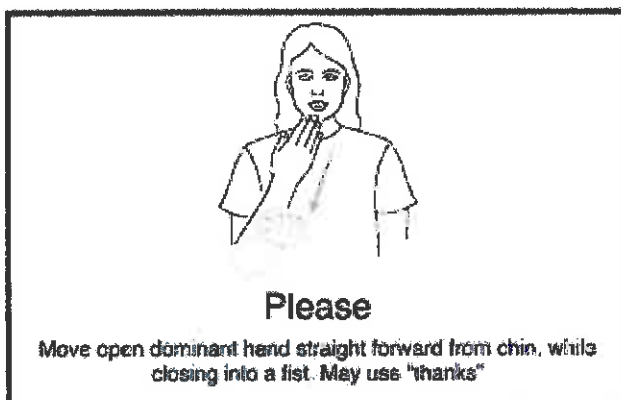
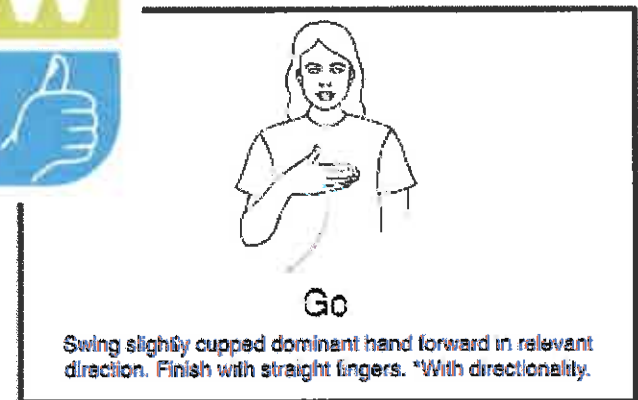
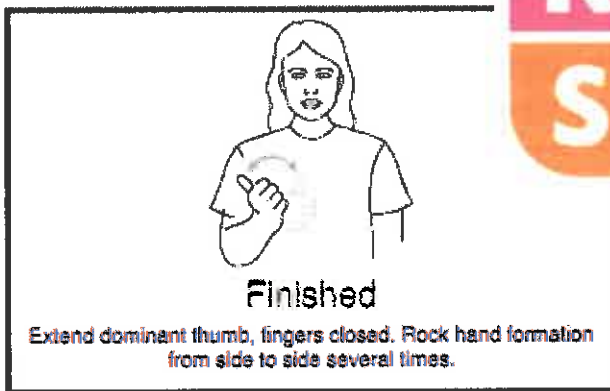
Keyword Sign is the use of natural gesture to support communication. Keyword Sign is used to encourage and support language development in children and adults with communication difficulties.

Keyword Sign uses core vocabulary of specially selected words. Each word (concept) is matched to a hand sign. Key word signing uses Auslan signs. Auslan is the native language of the Australian deaf community (Australian Sign Language).

Common Keyword Signs used at Dandenong Valley School are shown on



this page.





FREE ENTRY

Woodlands Golf Club

TUESDAY 5th JUNE

10am to 2pm

*Sensory
toys
support
coordination*

Beanbags

Technology

*Plan
Managers*

Innovation

FREE PARKING

PARTICIPANTS WANTED

FITSKILLS EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITY



We want to find out if a gym-based exercise program called FitSkills helps youth with disability to be more active and more satisfied with life.
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO HELP US!

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- FitSkills will run at 8 gym sites around Melbourne
- You complete a 12 week gym program, at 1 of the 8 gyms, at some point during the 2 year study
- During the program, you will exercise twice a week, for about an hour with a mentor
- We will ask you to complete an assessment every three months, for 2 years (8 times total)
- This involves completing questionnaires, doing a walking test and wearing a monitor that measures the amount of activity you do
- Assessments can be done either at your home, at your gym or at La Trobe University
- We will cover the cost of all gym visits

WHO WILL BE TAKING PART?

You can be involved if you are aged 13-30 years and identify as having a disability (any type).

WHO IS ORGANISING THE STUDY?

Professor Nora Shields, Professor Nick Taylor and Dr Luke Prendergast are researchers at La Trobe University. Professor Christine Imms is a researcher at Australian Catholic University and Associate Professor Jenny Watts is a researcher at Deakin University.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in taking part or you have any questions regarding this study please contact **Dr Claire Willis (03 9479 2328 or c.willis2@latrobe.edu.au)**



**Taking
Registrations**

MyTime

**Need support in caring for a child with a disability?
Come to MyTime**

MyTime Narre Warren

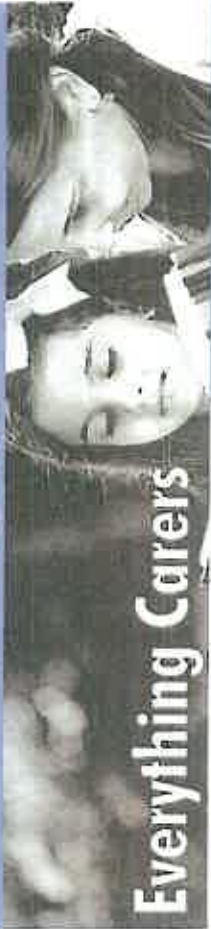
Fortnightly on Tuesdays 9.30am–12.30pm

**Dandenong Valley Special Developmental School
Victoria Road, Narre Warren**

**Ph: Lynne on 0418 480 166
Email: lwood@playgroup.org.au**

**MyTime is for parents and carers of children with a disability,
developmental delay or chronic medical condition.**





Everything Carers

Everythingcarers.org.au is an online space specifically designed for carers.

Everything carers makes it easy for you to explore news and supports that are in your local area, including:

- news from local support organisations,
- information about local carer support groups,
- local service providers, and
- information and resources on the topics carers need to know about.

Our resources section includes advice on the NDIS, reforms to the aged care and mental health systems, advice on returning to work after caring and how to manage some of the challenges carers encounter.

NDIS Carers Centre

NDIS Carers Online is an online program that focuses on providing you with information, resources, links, webinars, podcasts and more to assist you to transition to the NDIS.

Designed for carers of people preparing to transition to the NDIS or those who have started to implement an NDIS plan, the program enables you to opt into content that is most relevant to your stage of the NDIS journey.

Find more at everythingcarers.org.au
OR find us on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/NDISCarersOnline.

Carer Support Groups

What is a Carer Support Group?

Carer Support Groups are a great way to connect with other carers who share the same experience. Support groups provide a safe space to discuss the challenges you face, share information and offer each other support.

Why join a Carer Support Group?

Carer Support Groups can be a great way to meet people who understand the challenges you face and offer you support.

What types of Carer Support Groups are there?

Carer Support Groups can be in person and offer a safe space to discuss the challenges you face and offer you support.

Where and when do Carer Support Groups meet?

Most groups meet once a month, but some meet more frequently at the carer's choice.

How can I find a Carer Support Group near me?

You can search for Carer Support Groups in your local area on everythingcarers.org.au or call 1800 242 636.

Carers Victoria on 1800 242 636

Education

Carers Victoria offers carer workshops and educational programs to help you enhance your knowledge about how to best support your own health and wellbeing, and that of the person you are caring for.

Through our Education Services, you will be able to explore the impact of caring on your emotional and physical health. You will gain practical advice on how to navigate the health and community sector.

Education sessions are scheduled at Carers Victoria's office in Footscray and run directly with Carer Support Groups and Service Providers across Victoria. We also offer webinars which you can watch from the comfort of your own home computer or device and which enable you to interact with the presenter via chat.

What we offer

- **Information sessions:** A one-hour session providing a brief overview of a topic. (Program specific information sessions are two or three hours duration).
- **Workshops:** A two-hour session. We are happy to advise which workshops will best meet your needs.
- **Programs:** A series of two or more sessions designed to build on and complement each other and provide in-depth information on a topic.

For more information please contact our Education Services team on 1800 242 636 or via email at education@carersvictoria.org.au.

Counselling - Talk It Over

Caring can be a rewarding and at times a challenging role. Carers manage many different thoughts and feelings. Dealing with these is not always easy. Talking it over with others can help. Our professional counsellors understand the various challenges that may arise for carers.

Counsellors are respectful, listen carefully and will focus on what is most important to you in your caring role. Our counselling service can offer you individual, family or group sessions. Our counsellors work across metropolitan and rural regions of Victoria. Counselling is available in most languages.

For more information please call our Carer Advisory Line on 1800 242 636.

"Counselling helped me to feel stronger and more able to manage. The counsellor understood me and we worked out ways forward together. I gained perspective and realised the value of caring for myself too."

Casey Stadium

All Access Programs

Tailored to each participant's individual ability and special requirements, these programs provide the opportunity to build self esteem, confidence, and improve overall health.

Casey Sports Zone

Tai Chi

Creative Dance

Karate

**Push & Power - Casey
Wheelchair Sports Zone**

Bookings are available for individuals or groups/service providers.

Register Today

check out our website to keep up to date
with the latest programs and events



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