Hi Everyone and welcome to 2015.

We have had a great start to the new year with students arriving with big smiles, so glad to be back at school. Only a few of them were confused about going to a different classroom this year, but when I went to each room around mid-morning on day one, everyone was settled, happy and working...even our new preps!

We have a large group of new staff to welcome to the school as well as all our new families. The new staff are: Nicola who will be working across the whole school. Victoria - Room 4, Melanie - Room 13, Emily - Room 18, Andrew - Room 19, Lucy in Art. THERAPY STAFF; Kade - OT. ES STAFF; Kym - Room 7 and Gloria - Transition. We wish them a wonderful, fulfilling time at DVSDS.

I especially want to welcome the families of our new students. We have 17 preps and many others across the school. I hope you all enjoy your association with our school.

If at any time you or any carer/parent have an issue or a question please do not hesitate to call and seek clarification or voice your concerns.

We have a supportive parent group which meets fortnightly here at school. I recommend this group to all parents and particularly new people to our school. Lynne Wood co-ordinates the sessions and the timetable is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Cheers Sue.
Our students hard at work in the new school year

Armani identifying her ice cream
Norman practising his writing
Josh rolling his playdough
Tiana practising her threading
Lachlan playing with his chew toy
Tamasha listening to music
Christopher studying the computer
Brodie hard at work
Thank you

Many thanks to all our families for their understanding as our bus runs settle in for the new year. We do understand how frustrating it can be when times change but this is unavoidable as routes and students change each year.

Parents are reminded that a new request for transport should be submitted when changing addresses and that new travellers will be expected to meet the bus on the existing route. Home pick-up will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and then only with the express permission of Student Transport Unit.

Hello from the art room

This term classes will be joining in art lessons. Can you please send in an art smock for your child to wear. It can be a bought art smock, an apron or even an old large shirt. Please write your child’s name and room number clearly on the art smock.

Thanks

Lucy (Art teacher)
Dandenong Valley SDS

Parent Support Group

Dandenong Valley Parent Support Group provide 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
- Have fun

VENUE:
Dandenong Valley SDS
19-21 Victoria Road
Narre Warren

TIME:
Mondays 9:30 am – 12 noon (2.5 hrs)
on a fortnightly basis

DATES:

Term One
2nd February
16th February
2nd March
16th March

For enquiries call Lynne Wood 0418 480 166