Hi Everyone,

This is the last newsletter for the term and I hope everyone has a great holiday, a good rest and comes back to school in term 3 fit, healthy and ready to work hard.

We are considering starting school banking next term BUT this will depend on interest from the school community. School banking is a great way for students to learn the value of saving and to reinforce money skills. However we will not go ahead if there is insufficient interest. If you would like to participate in a school banking program please fill in the expression of interest form in this newsletter and return it to school ASAP.

As you know our two main priorities for our students are the development of communication skills and developing their independence.

The holidays are a great time to work with your child at home to get them to do as much as possible for themselves. This can be as simple as putting up their arms to help with the dressing process or as complicated as setting the table for dinner or doing the washing up.

During the term 3 SSG meetings teachers will be letting you know all the great things that your child can do independently or with minimal help here at school. They will work with you on setting goals for home to try and transfer some of their “school” skills to their home life.

I have published our personal learning brochure in this newsletter, it was developed by Fiona Handel and the Student Engagement Team. I hope you find it helpful when developing independence in your child.

Have a lovely holiday and stay warm.

Cheers Sue

![Image of holidays]

**LAST DAY OF TERM TOMORROW - FINISH AT 2PM**

**LITTLE TREASURES**

are:

Yaseen Rm. 3,  
Hayley Rm. 4,  
Phoebe Rm. 7,  
Damien Rm. 8,  
Christian Rm. 29,  
Hunter Rm. 30
**Junior School**

**Principal’s Award**
AWARDED TO
Joshua
Joshua received his Principal’s award for being a Learner finding the letters of his name & putting them in the correct order.

Mauricio received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** and feeding himself.

Koasigan received his award for being **Safe** holding onto the pool bar and kicking independently.

Troy received his award for being **Respectful** and helping Sivani with her lunchbox.

**Middle School**

Ali received his award for being **Responsible** and using his words during storytime.

William received his Principal’s award for being a Learner and making a great movie poster.

Lachlan received his Principal’s award for being **Respectful** and making good choices in regards to his emotions.

David received his Principal’s award for being **Safe** and staying on task during bike riding activities.

**Senior School**

Jordan received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** and helping other students.

Jade received her Principal’s award for being **Respectful** and helping others at shopping.

Shaveena received her Principal’s award for being **Safe** and staying with the group when in the community.

Antoniette received her Principal’s award for being a Learner and asking for items using ProLoQuo2go on her Ipad.
Room 25
Making Sandwiches.
Each year your child's Individual Photo Learning Goal Statements will be created by their classroom teacher and support staff. They will be sent home with your child's mid year report.

At Dandenong Valley SDS the Individual Photo Goal Statements will help students bring concepts learnt at school into the home. It will include areas that are relevant to the children and their families.

The Personal Learning Domain focuses on providing students with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to be successful, positive learners both at school and throughout their lives.

At Dandenong Valley SDS we believe that it is VITAL to work in PARTNERSHIPS with parents and carers to build a strong foundation for learning both at school and at home.

Our students are encouraged to

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Email: dandenong.valley.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au
Building our children's skills in every day situations is important to their independence.

At Dandenong Valley SDS "HOMEWORK" will seldom take on the traditional form that we are used to. We will work at building a bank of valuable life skills.

Teachers will provide students with:

- Individual Goal Photo Books /Posters which will be sent home at the end of Term 2 with the student's mid year report.
- Opportunities to reflect on their learning on a regular basis.
- Opportunities to take responsibility for the organisation and management of their day to day activities and belongings.
- A homework grid each term to help students bring concepts learnt at school into the home and wider community. It will include areas that are relevant to the children and their families.

Homework can be:

- Communication - PECS, Key Word Signing or Intensive Interaction, Communication Device
- Personal Hygiene - toileting, washing hands, shaving, brushing teeth, using nail varnish
- Dressing - tying shoelaces
- Going out into the community - catching a public bus, using an ATM
- Using money to purchase goods
- Washing and drying the dishes
- Spending time learning how to play a game and taking turns
- Making their bed
- Answering the telephone
- Looking after their things

These are just some of the many examples of the different forms homework can take.
We would like to share some of the popular resources we have used in music therapy – the BoomBox vibration speaker, iPod shuffle and Flow Rings.

**BoomBox V3 Vibration Speaker**

Our students enjoy the multi-sensory experience of listening to their favourite music while feeling the vibration from the speaker pad in their hands, or placing the speaker pad on different surfaces or objects (e.g. cups, tubs) to see which one is the best speaker! You can purchase this portable vibration speaker from [www.wowzr.com.au](http://www.wowzr.com.au).

**iPod Shuffle**

It has been used successfully as one of the self-regulation tools.

**Flow Rings**

A new addition to the music therapy department. It is mesmerising and encourages students to move their arms to roll the flow rings up and down their arm or pass it between their arms while dancing to the music. You can also make it interactive by passing it to another person’s arm or roll around on a broomstick or a power cord. You can purchase flow rings from [www.toroflux.com.au](http://www.toroflux.com.au).
Fortnightly House Points Winner

**RED HOUSE**
329 POINTS

**BLUE HOUSE**
232 POINTS

**YELLOW HOUSE**
268 POINTS

**GREEN HOUSE**
245 POINTS

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**LOST PROPERTY**

MISSING SOMETHING?
Check out the lost property box in Administration

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**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.
Expression of Interest

Dandenong Valley SDS are looking at introducing a Student School Banking Program

With Dollarmite Accounts through Commonwealth Bank

If you are interested in your child opening a Dollarmite Account at the School please complete and return the slip below to Admin

I am interested in my child opening a Dollarmite Account

Name
ALL ABILITIES FUN DAY

Sports activities, FIDA football exhibition game, sports expo and giveaways. Canteen is open and a sausage sizzle.

Tuesday 26 July, 10AM-2PM
Edinburgh Reserve, Edinburgh Road, Springvale
(Melway Reference 80 D5)

More information and to register interest contact:
Kev O’Byrne on Phone 0407 326 954 or Email fsem15@bigpond.com
Winter Treats

Saturday 2 July 2016, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Satisfy your winter cravings with Winter Treats at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick

Tastings
Entertainment
Workshops
Activities

TASTING SESSIONS ARE LIMITED - BOOK EARLY. TICKETS - $10, FREE FOR CHILDREN FIVE AND UNDER

TICKETS: Visit trybooking.com.au/LKDB or drop in to the Visitors Centre at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick

Wilson Botanic Park Berwick
(03) 5975 5200
Wilson Botanic Park Berwick,
665 Princes Highway Berwick
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TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS
LAST DAY OF TERM (24TH JUNE 2016) - 9:00am to 2:00pm

THE STORE WILL BE
CLOSED
BETWEEN
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2016 to SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2016

WE WILL RESUME BACK TO NORMAL TRADING HOURS AS OF
MONDAY 4TH JULY 2016

NORMAL TRADING HOURS
(Effective as of 4th July 2016)
Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday - 9:00am to 1:00pm
Puppet Party!

We are having a puppet party and you're invited!

Come and be enchanted by the magical world of puppets, in a mini-puppet festival curated by the award-winning Lemony S Puppet Theatre. Watch a show then make your very own puppet in a workshop afterwards. The show and workshop runs for a maximum of two hours. Shows are suitable for three years and up, workshops are suitable for five years and up.

Date: Tuesday 28 June 2016
Time: 10.00 am - 'The Owl's Apprentice' followed by shadow puppet workshop, presented by Little Wing Puppets. 1.30 pm - 'The Miss Muffet Show' followed by a junk puppet workshop, presented by About Face Productions
Venue: Arthur Wren Hall, Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park
Cost: $10 show and workshop per family, $5 show only

All bookings: www.casey.vic.gov.au/winterarts

School Holiday Wonderland

Wonderful fun at the Old Cheese Factory!

Grand Imaginarium by Michael Camilleri for Kids' Own Publishing

The Old Cheese Factory is a school holiday wonderland with three great activities for children and it's all free! Come and visit the Grand Imaginarium and become a published author or take part in the other great workshops by Kids Own Publishing, or dance an electric puppet using the latest motion sensor technology with artist Georgie Finn. Whilst you're there check out the fantastic onsite playground or relax at the Old Homestead Cafe.

Date: Tuesday 5 July – Thursday 7 July 2016
Time: Drop in anytime between 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Venue: Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick
Cost: Free
Bookings: No bookings required for most activities - just come along!
Website: www.casey.vic.gov.au/winterarts
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/caregivers 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
Belar 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 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided

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