A Message from the Principal

Hi Everyone,

My how term one has flown!!

By now everyone should have received individual learning plans, timetables and program overviews. You can all see what a busy hard working place Dandenong Valley is.

This last week has been full of end of term and Easter festivities. The highlight for me was our science experiment the Easter egg drop. Many classes made caskets designed to protect an egg from being dropped from a great height and I was sent up on the school roof (observing all OH&S safety procedures and being the holder of a ladder license) to drop the eggs. Although this was lots of fun the main aim was the discussion and design of the caskets.

We have so many wonderful and supportive families at our school but I just wanted to share with you what I think is a lovely story about one generous grandmother. Mitchell in Room 3 has a grandma who plays bowls. She recently won a tournament and donated her $50 prize to our school. She makes a habit of this as she has done this before! I would not only like to thank Mitchell’s grandma Jo but also let her know that all the students and staff now have their fingers crossed she wins again and again.

Last Friday when the students were home for the day the whole staff were involved in a professional development session with Genevieve Jereb called The Traffic Jam in My Brain. It was a wonderful day with a great deal of information about sensory integration. It would be true to say that the staff were inspired by Genevieve. I have asked the OT team to organise parent information sessions for both day time and evening sessions prior to an opportunity for parents to participate in online training later in the year. There will be more updates in the newsletter later in term 2.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday, I hope you have been good enough for the Easter Bunny to put in an appearance if so take my advice and don’t eat all your eggs in one sitting.

Cheers Sue.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parents/carers picking up or dropping their children from school should avoid parking in the school car park while buses are present. Parents/carers vehicles in the car park at these times create a dangerous element that can be avoided by parking in the street at these times.

THANK YOU for your support
Logan received his award for swimming independently using a flotation device.

Aliyah received her award for settling well into her new school.

Amarni received her award for settling well into her new school.

Monterey received her award for participating in music.

Shaylee received her award for improved handwriting.

Zara received her award for good listening.

Farida received her award for Proloquo 2 go - communication.

Vanessa received her award for being a good all rounder.

Nancy received her award for great participation in community access.
Requests for Changes to Student Transport Arrangements

Parents are reminded that any requests for changes to transport arrangements must be made in writing through the school. Following a change of address, families must reapply for transport assistance, and access to a bus from the new address cannot be guaranteed. Parents should also be aware that even if a seat is available, door to door pick-up and drop-off may not be possible except in extraordinary circumstances and students may be offered access to a bus at one of the existing stops. While we make every effort to accommodate changes we cannot guarantee access, particularly if a change necessitates a change of bus, as many of our buses are full. Any change may take up to 10 days to process as changes require approval from the service provider and DEECD Student Transport Branch. Further information on the provision of transport assistance to students attending specialist schools can be found on the DEECD website:


* Please note: Temporary changes to pick-up and drop-off points cannot be accommodated.
Please come and celebrate

**Undiagnosed Children’s Awareness Day**

with **SWAN Australia**

**Attention:** All SWAN Parents & Carers & their Children, and medical professionals with an interest in SWAN Australia

**Where:** Hays Paddock
Longstaff Street
Kew East

**Date:** Saturday, 13th April 2013

**Time:** 10.00 - 11.30am

**BYO:** Picnic Rug and Morning Tea

**RSVP:** Heather
Tel: 0404 280 441
Email: admin@swanaus.com.au
By Wednesday 10th April
The staff and the students in Room 25 (Lleyton, Hayley, Miguel, Madison, Aidan, Maggie, Jaxon, Shaylee and Nathan) recently enjoyed an excursion to Mother’s Beach in Mornington. The weather was perfect and the students had a wonderful time and were so well behaved.

We walked on the beach and felt the sand between our toes. We saw a stingray and we found lots of shells and a small orange starfish on the beach. We also walked along the pier and saw many, many boats of varying sizes and fishermen with their fishing rods trying to catch fish.

We enjoyed our lunch in the park under a big, shady tree!
Early Communication Programme

For Parents and Carers of small people aged from 2 years up to 6 years

WHERE: Dandenong Valley Special Developmental School, Venue to be confirmed

WHEN: Friday 19th, 26th April, 3rd, 10th May 2013, from 9.30am to 11.00am

WITH: Laura Seeley and Meera Ratanje Speech and Language Pathologists (DVSDS)

Please contact Laura Seeley to confirm your free place by Monday 15th April, 2013:
Tel: 97049411
Email: seeley.laura.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

This is a Group for parents and carers of young children who want to learn more about language development and how to support communication with their children. Each session will explore different aspects of communication, eg understanding words, using words, making choices, play, social development etc.

There is no charge for these sessions which will be conducted in English and it is respectfully requested that little people of all shapes and sizes do not attend.
"My Time"
Dandenong Valley

Venue  Term 1, 2013
Oatlands Primary School
79-93 Kurrajong Road
Narre Warren, 3805

Time
Mondays Fortnightly
10.00am - 12.30pm (2.5hrs)

| MY TIME DATES 2013 |       |
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| **Term One**      | **Term Two** |
| 4\(^{th}\)        | 15\(^{th}\)  |
| February          | April        |
| 18\(^{th}\)       | 29\(^{th}\)  |
| February          | April        |
| 4\(^{th}\)        | 13\(^{th}\)  |
| March             | May          |
| 18\(^{th}\)       | 27\(^{th}\)  |
| March             | May          |
| **Term Three**    | **Term Four**|
| 22\(^{nd}\)       | 14\(^{th}\)  |
| July              | October      |
| 5\(^{th}\)        | 28\(^{th}\)  |
| August            | October      |
| 19\(^{th}\)       | 11\(^{th}\)  |
| August            | November     |
| 2\(^{nd}\)        | 25\(^{th}\)  |
| September         | November     |
| 16\(^{th}\)       | 9\(^{th}\)   |
| September         | December     |

For details please contact:
Lynne Wood 0459 517 558
Once again the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia is pleased to present the amazing **RAZZA-MA-TAZZ**.

The **RAZZA-MA-TAZZ** is a family variety show to be held at Festival Hall on Saturday 18th May 2013.

**RAZZA-MA-TAZZ** is a live theatre show of international standard performers steeped in the traditional disciplines of clowning, juggling, balancing, puppetry, acrobatics and unique comedy routines; all performed to the highest degree of skill and entertainment value.

**WHERE & WHEN!**

FESTIVAL HALL  
300 DUDLEY ST. WEST MELBOURNE  
SATURDAY 18th MAY 2013  2.00PM

ONE TICKET PER PERSON IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY  
e.g. 5 children & 1 adult = 6 TICKETS TOTAL

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**FROM ALL OF US INVOLVED, PLEASE ENJOY THE SHOW**
Dear Parents,

Due to the outbreak of the Cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as ‘crypto’) in the southern and eastern metropolitan regions of Melbourne (including in some swimming pools), the Health Department has issued the following information.

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or for 14 days after the diarrhoea stops. Crypto can still be spread easily through water up to 14 days after diarrhoea stops.

- All swimming pool patrons should shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool.

- Please note the importance of preventing ill patrons from entering the pool. Even if the pool is properly chlorinated crypto is highly resistant to chlorine and can be spread easily through the water.

For more information go to


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STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS
Family Railway Fun

MALDON STATION
Sat / Sun : April 13 / 14
Train Rides - Steam & Diesel.
Animal Farm. Model Railway.
Clown on board. Novelty Rides.
Sausage Sizzle. Horse Cart Rides

Great Family Day
From 10.00am
PH : 54706658

On Line Bookings available: www.vgr.com.au
The City of Casey and Casey Cardinia Branch of the National Trust (Vic) presents

2013 Heritage Festival

Sunday 21 April 2013  11am-3pm  Free Entry
Old Cheese Factory, Homestead Road, Berwick

Celebrate the City of Casey’s unique heritage during National Heritage Week.

Lots of fun for everyone including:

• Heritage Advisor*
• Food stalls
• Live music
• Local history stalls
• High tea available#
• Prize for Best Heritage Costume for Kids
• Free children’s animal farm
• Information sessions for heritage property owners
• National Trust Shop stall
• Free antiques valuation^

* Appointments available by calling 9705 5200
# Bookings available by calling 9702 1360
^ No stamps, coins or jewellery

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