In our first newsletter of the year I inadvertently omitted one name when welcoming students to our community! Hence I am extending a special welcome back to James B in Group 17 and his family. I would also like to welcome Leo F and Carl P [Group 2] and family, as well as Chrissie Abriani [Teacher Group 8] to our school.

On a different note, one of our staff members has recently had a serious medical diagnosis. As a result we are planning a PINK Day on Thursday 5th March. We would encourage all children and staff to wear something PINK. A gold coin donation would also be greatly appreciated. All funds will be donated to the relevant organization to support this vital research.

A special thank you to the parents who have, this week, participated with the staff in the meetings to discuss the children’s educational and therapy goals. Your participation in this partnership is very much appreciated. Next week these important meetings will continue to be held between the staff and families.

Principals have been asked by the Department to remind parents/guardians that:

- parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and
- parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers
- parents/guardians that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
This week the Chief Health Officer released an Alert with further information about the frozen berries recall and Hepatitis A risk. This alert was communicated directly to schools as well as through the media. The recommendations are that Nanna's Frozen Mixed Berry and Raspberry 1kg packets, and Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 300 gram and 500 gram packets should be discarded or returned to the point of sale for a refund, regardless of batch and best-before date. A link has been found between Nanna's brand frozen berries and a few cases of Hepatitis A. The risk of exposure to Hepatitis A is low, but the company has recalled a number of frozen berry products. Symptoms include fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Anyone experiencing such symptoms 15-50 days after consumption of the frozen berries is encouraged to seek immediate medical advice. Further enquiries can be made by calling the Patties' Foods Hotline, 1800 650 069, between 7am and 9pm AEDT.

Helen McCoy

Welcome Chrissy!

HOLIDAY PROGRAM - A NEW INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TAILORED TO KIDS WITH ALL ABILITIES – COME JOIN OUR CREW

CareChoice is excited to announce the launch of the CareChoice K.I.D.S Crew holiday program to be held at Monash SDS commencing Term 1 school holidays 30th March. The program will be an action packed, fun filled holiday option for children of all abilities ranging from the ages of 5 to 16 years.

The program will be led and facilitated by qualified professionals skilled in both the Disability and Early Childhood Education. Run strictly in accordance to Early Childhood and Disability Services legislation the program offers a safe, secure and structured environment where the learning and developmental outcomes of the students are paramount.

Open to children of all abilities, CareChoice will now be taking expressions of interest for places. Due to the high demand and limited number of spaces we encourage early bookings to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to reserve a position or if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact James Bennett, Relationship Manager, on ph. 1300 737 942 or alternatively email him on jbennett@carechoice.net.org.
From the office....

School fees invoices will be sent out over the next two weeks.

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

From 1 January 2015 the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the EMA directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the EMA in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through the schools’ core operational funding agreement with the Commonwealth Government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.


The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.

For more information kidsafevic.com.au

Every Minute Counts

A gentle reminder to those parents whose children go to respite care: due to limited space on the buses, please make sure your child’s bags are no larger than a carry-on size.

Thank you
Thursday 5th March is Pink Day

Please help support this great cause by encouraging your child to wear pink to school on this day. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

All monies raised will be donated to research

The Preston Hotel
Very Special Kids Charity Event
Classic Rock Show with Blue Dog Cruiser

SATURDAY 28 FEB
FROM 11AM-4PM

KIDS ACTIVITIES
JUMPING CASTLE
PETTING ZOO
PONY RIDES
HEAPS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
LIVE BAND & MUCH MORE

Live Show at The Preston Hotel Car Park
635 High Street Preston
State Schools’ Relief has provided school uniform and footwear to students of families experiencing financial difficulties in Victorian State Schools since 1930. This tradition continues today, with requests for support nearly doubling in 2015. As such, the Department of Education and Training has now provided additional funding to ensure the most vulnerable students receive their essential school items.

Who can apply?
School principals and their welfare teams are best placed to assess and establish the level of student’s needs. All principals are encouraged to access SSR to support vulnerable families.

What is provided?
SSR provides school uniform items and footwear for children from their own supplies. Items are provided FREE OF CHARGE to families and are discreetly delivered to the school by courier within three working days, at no additional cost.

Should a uniform item be unavailable, SSR will pay a partial subsidy. SSR will also provide an email authorisation to the uniform supplier.

How do I apply?
Principals and delegates should visit the SSR website (www.ssr.net.au/schools), create a login for the school and apply online. For more information contact the SSR team on 9575 7900.

School fundraising
As a not-for-profit charity that relies on the generosity of others, SSR appreciates and encourages all fundraising efforts by schools to benefit this essential program for Victorian families.
**K.I.D.S Crew School Holiday Program**

For children aged 5-16 with a disability

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**K.I.D.S Crew holiday program**

CareChoice is Melbourne’s leading provider of disability support services. Due to ongoing demand we are proud to present an innovative, educational and most importantly fun holiday program for school-aged children. The program is led and facilitated by qualified professionals skilled in both the Disability and Early Childhood Education Sectors. Run strictly in accordance with Early Childhood and Disability Services legislation, the camp is a safe, secure and structured environment where the learning and developmental outcomes of the students are paramount.

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**Locations**

The K.I.D.S Crew holiday program is delivered at multiple sites throughout Melbourne. To locate a program near you, please go to our website www.carechoice.net.au.

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**Who should join our crew**

Our programs are open to children between the ages of 5 and 16 years with an intellectual, cognitive, physical, psychiatric and/or acquired disabilities. Our model of staffing supports is higher than recommended ratios to facilitate maximum benefits for all children participating.

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**K.I.D.S Crew is an affordable and exciting school holiday program for children with a disability**

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**2015 School Holiday Program**

Term 1: 30th March to 10th April
Term 2: 29th June to 10th July
Term 3: 21st September to 2nd October
Term 4: 4th January 2016

Operational hours: 8:30 to 4:30pm

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**Staffing crew**

Our workers are police checked, comprehensively screened, skilled, passionate and committed to making a difference.

**Various affordable payment options**

Government assistance - Child Care Benefit (CCB) is a payment made by Commonwealth Government to help families with the cost of quality child care. A family's eligibility is subject to an income test, which is administered by the Department of Human Services. Most families are also entitled to 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR), which can be paid directly to CareChoice, further reducing your fees. Please check if you are entitled to this rebate with DHS. For further information please go our website. Alternatively, CareChoice accepts payment for the program from packages including Individual Support Packages, Vochilla Breakaway, Respite packages and other government packages. We also accept Fee for service.

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Due to the high demand and limited number of spaces we encourage early bookings to avoid disappointment.

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**Your next step**

- Call us 1300 737 942
- Visit www.carechoice.net.au
- Email us enquiries@carechoice.net.au
Early Days Workshops are for parents and carers of young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Early Days Workshops are for parents and carers of young children (aged 0-6) who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or who are currently undergoing a diagnosis. Amaze (formerly Autism Victoria) facilitates these workshops in Victoria.

The Introductory Workshop covers:
- Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder: what your child’s ASD means for you and your family.
- Practical strategies to assist the child with ASD and your family.
- How to select and maximise an early intervention service.
- Choosing interventions and therapies; how to get the most out of services for children with ASD.

Introductory Workshop
Tuesday 3 March
9.30–3.00
Phoenix Park Community Centre
22 Rob Roy Road Malvern East

To register visit: http://www.amaze.org.au/events-info/early-days/early-days-workshop-dates/ or call Amaze 1300 307 909

***Workshops are free for parents and carers. A light lunch is provided.

Discover what’s possible & what you love!

A Free Come and Try Day

Adventure activities for people of all abilities

When: Saturday, March 7, 2015. From 10am to 3pm
Where: YMCA Angelsea Recreation Camp, Great Ocean Rd, Angelsea

For more info contact:
Peri Gray, Angelsea Recreation Camp ph. 5263 3512 or email peri.gray@ymca.org.au
Jess Hought, People Outdoors ph. 9385 7500 or email jhought@peopleoutdoors.org.au
Megan Holt, Leisure Networks ph. 5226 9931 or email megan@leisurenetworks.org.au

Please RSVP to join in the fun. Register with Eventbrite via this link http://angelseacommendtryday.eventbrite.com.au or call Megan at Leisure Networks on 5226 9931
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED SO LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Competition

Doncaster All Abilities basketball Competition is open to those 6 years old and above. The program offers the opportunity to play competition basketball in a fun and supportive environment.

Where: Donvale Indoor Sports Complex
360-368 Springvale Road, Donvale VIC 3111

when: Thursday & Friday Nights
Trainings Sunday night.

Contact details: Daabinc@outlook.com
Debbie: 0416 – 932 – 131

Check us out on Facebook!!

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Do you love to dance and perform?

Come and join the Allstars revolution!

Our fantastic dance group have classes in Frankston and Brighton. Classes available for ages 7 through to adult, and enrolments are now open for 2015!

Ring Lisa on 0425 721 848, or go to:
www.bamdanceclass.com.au

BAM Allstars
all abilities dance crew
Parent information session

It's time we talked: Pornography, young people and sexuality today

Pornography is not new, but it has never been so accessible. Exposure amongst young people is widespread. In fact, for many young people, it can be more difficult to avoid porn than to see it.

Porn presents a distorted view of sex and relationships. Despite this, many young people's sexual understanding and expectations are being shaped by the images they, or their partners/peers – see online.

Monash Partners in Prevention Program, Wellington Secondary College and South Oakleigh College would like to invite you to join us for a special parent information session to explore:

• What do we need to know about porn and young people?
• How can we support young people to grow into sexuality that is safe and respectful?

Presenter: Maree Crabbe

Maree is coordinator of the community education project Reality & Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality, co-producer of the documentary film Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography, broadcast on SBS and in 5 other countries, and author of In The Picture, a secondary school resource addressing the influence of explicit sexual imagery.

Who: Parents, Teachers, Wellbeing staff
When: Wednesday 4 March 2015
Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: 91 Police rd, Mulgrave - Wellington Secondary College
Cost: Free
Ladies Day!
Primary Carers event, provided by
Yooralla
Friday 20th of February 2015
10.00am — 2.00pm
OUT OF AFRICA
Join in the fun of an Egyptian Belly Dance class, African drumming and a delicious North African lunch!

Holy Trinity Surrey Hills
Corner Union & Montrose Roads
Melways Map 46 H10

The venue is a short walk from Surrey Hills train station

R.S.V.P.
To Ami on
9831 5600 or email:
ami.seabrook@yooralla.com.au

EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:
- when your home or school is near an emergency
- when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:
- a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
- a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:
- which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
- about the emergency and where it is
- what you should do to stay safe
- where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: 1800 480 480

Example Text Alert

To:CFA WARNING FROM CFA
Fire in Pobiners Road area. Visit emergency.vic.gov.au

Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.
If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergency.vic.gov.au and watch the video (it’s in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning.
- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Listen to local radio
- Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the FireReady app
- Go to facebook.com/evacinfo
- Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter
**TWYLIGHT DISCO**
For people with a disability

**HIT THE DANCE FLOOR**
**AND BREAK OUT YOUR BEST MOVES!**

**WHEN:** Saturday March 21st 2015

**WHERE:** Heimat Centre, 125 George Street Doncaster East

**TIME:** 7pm to 10pm sharp

**COST:** $10.00 per person
(Parents/Carers Free)

**Bookings:** Penny 9848 5400 or penny.maher@ymca.org.au

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**Important Entry Information:**

- $10 Entry per person is to be paid at the door on the night. Parents/Carers enter free of charge.

- For participants catching the bus home: Parents/Carers/guardians are required to pre arrange a bus from pick-up points no later than 7pm. (Please ensure you provide full company with instructions/destination address).

- During Twylight, all youth services staff/volunteers act in a supervisory/supportive capacity only, one on one care/supervision is not provided.

- If a participant requires one on one support/intervention, they must attend with a Parent/Carer. Parents/Carers are required to maintain responsibility and supervision of their charge at all times during the course of the event.

- Parents/carers/guardians will be contacted and expected to collect any participant that displays behaviour considered inappropriate, dangerous or that requires YMCA staff to leave their allocated duties to provide full, ongoing attention.

- Please note that due to the nature of Twylight, the environment is loud. We appreciate this may not suit everyone; therefore a "Quiet Area" is available for anyone wishing to use it.

- Water & fruit provided free of charge courtesy of the rotary club of Doncaster. Tea & coffee are also available for Parents & Carers.

- Please ensure money is provided to participants for snacks & refreshments.

- Photographs and video may be taken on the night, images may be used for youth services promotion, website or presentation. Images remain the property of YMCA & are not passed to, or used by any other party. If you do not wish to have images of yourself or your child/charge published, please inform YMCA staff.

Manningham YMCA Youth Services
Ph: 9840 5400 E: myd@ymca.org.au W: www.manninghamymcaouthservices.org.au
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RAZAMATAZ

FREE Event for the Special Needs & Disadvantaged Kids of Melbourne!

www.razzamatazzshow.com.au

Dear Parents / Guardians...

Once again the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia is pleased to present the amazing International Entertainment Show RAZZA-MA-TAZZ! – A FREE Live Production Comedy Show for the Special Needs and Disadvantaged Kids of Melbourne.

The 2015 RAZZA-MA-TAZZ Show is a madcap cavalcade of comedy to be held at the MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE on SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015.

RAZZA-MA-TAZZ is a live theatre show featuring award winning & international performers, blended with gorgeous dancers in spectacular costumes... acts of mayhem, comedy & magic create a variety show that is fun for the entire family!

This FREE Show is complimentary of Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia and would not be possible without the Sponsorship & Support of Melbourne’s Local Business Community.

WHERE & WHEN!

MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE
1 Convention Centre Pl. South Wharf 3006
SATURDAY 9 MAY 2015 (2 Shows)
1.00pm & 4.00pm
(Show Duration Approx. 1 Hour with NO Interval)

*PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MANY TICKETS YOU REQUIRE

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* PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKET ORDER BY __/__/2015

CHILDS NAME ____________________________________________

PARENTS NAME ___________________________________________

* PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER TO YOUR SCHOOL/ ORGANISATION.
**NO INDIVIDUAL ORDERS IF POSSIBLE PLEASE.
Glen Waverley Entertainment begins at 9.00am Movie begins at 10.00am

Saturday 21 March 2015
Village Cinema—Century City
285 – 287 Springvale Road
GLEN WAVERLEY

Ticket application form:
Name of organisation that you received this invitation from:

I would like if available; _______________ Adult tickets, _______________ Child/ren tickets
(Babies in arms do not require a ticket)

Of these I require ______ wheelchair space/s. Name of person in wheelchair _______________ child/adult
(please circle). Able to transfer to a theatre chair? YES/NO (please circle)

Name of parent/carer attending with children: (tickets will be posted to this person)

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Suburb: _______________________________ State: ______________________ Postcode: __________

Phone: _______________________________ Email: _______________________

I give permission for my family to be photographed at Kidsflix Glen Waverley 2015. I understand my family may be on the Continence Foundation Australia/Arthritis SA website, newspaper, magazine, flyer, television to promote Kidsflix.

Yes I give permission ☐ No I don’t give permission ☐

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________________

Or book online at: www.kidsflix-glenwaverley.eventbrite.com.au

Please return this form or book online by Friday 6 March 2015

Kidsflix Ticket Office:
PO Box 800 Parkville VIC 3052
Phone: (08) 8423 0949  Fax: (08) 8379 5707
Email: kidsflix@arthritissa.org.au
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