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Term Dates 2015

| Term 1         | January 29 – March 27    |
| Term 2         | April 13 – June 26       |
| Term 3         | July 13 – September 18   |
| Term 4         | October 05 – December 18 |

Pupil Free Days 2015

| Jun           | Friday, 5 June           |
| Nov           | Monday, 2 November       |
| Dec           | Friday, 18 December      |

What’s in this newsletter….
- From the Office
- From the Nurse
- Scouts School Raffle 2015
- Molly Dene Pie & Slice Drive
- Purple Day for the Epilepsy Foundation
- Autism Friendly Performance of the Lion King
- Twilight Disco

Other items of interest….
- Early Development Census
- Parent Support Network - Wheelchairs on loan
- Parent Zone
- Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Program
- Interchange After School Sports for Fun
- AFL All Abilities Footy
- Lions Club Book Sale
Finally, the following information will be of interest to families and many may wish to participate.

**Consultation for a new National Disability Employment Framework**

On 27 April 2015, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services, announced the establishment of a Disability Employment Taskforce, in the Department of Social Services. The Taskforce will review the current range of disability employment services with a view to develop a new National Disability Employment Framework for 2018.

The aim of the Framework is to improve employment outcomes for people with disability by developing a more flexible system of employment services that will provide greater choice and control to the individual and better meet employer needs. To assist in the development of this Framework, the Taskforce will consult widely with a range of stakeholders including; people with disability, their families and carers, employers and service providers (and relevant peak bodies).

Two rounds of consultation will take place involving forums in capital cities and some major regional centres across Australia and the opportunity to make public or private submissions online. The first round of consultation will centre on an Issues Paper which is designed to stimulate a wide-ranging discussion on existing employment services with a view to generating creative ideas to inform future policy directions. The second round of consultation will focus on a Discussion Paper, which will identify more specific policy proposals. The outcomes from both rounds of consultation will inform the new National Disability Employment Framework to be brought forward in the 2016-17 Budget.

Public forums and the opportunity to make submissions will commence on 25 May 2015. Forums will be conducted around Australia throughout May and June, commencing in Melbourne, with the opportunity to make written submissions closing on 8 July 2015.

To register for this first round of public forums, or submit a written submission, please go to https://engage.dss.gov.au

**Helen McCoy**

Principal
From the Nurse...

Monash Council will be conducting the flu vaccinations on **Friday, 22 May at approximately 10 AM**. If your child is unwell or unable to be at school, you will need to make your own alternate arrangements for them to be vaccinated, as this is the only day the Council have allocated to the school. If this is a day your child does not usually attend school, please bring them in.

Thanks  
Nurse Judy and Nurse Elise

If your child needs to have short-term/long term or over-the-counter medication at school, you will need to complete an authorisation form. These forms are available on our website www.monashsds.vic.edu.au.

Please note medications cannot be administered to your child if the forms are not completed and signed.
A big thank you to all those families who have either paid their fees in full or are paying via the instalment method. We still have many families whose fees remain outstanding. We appreciate that some families may experience financial difficulties in meeting this commitment; if you wish to discuss a different payment arrangement please contact Deb Crawley on 9239-7431.

Please remember to label your child’s clothing appropriately so they can be identified and returned when they are mislaid.

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
Discover real value...

With hundreds of offers to choose from, we’ve raised over $50,000 of value in just one year!

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Monash Special Developmental School
Contact: 08/3247
Email: admin@mds.com.au

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Monash Special Developmental School
20 Banksia Street, Narre Warren South

All sessions at Outside the Square Psychology, 26 Banksia Street, Narre Warren South

Cost: $60 per workshop, or $58 for both workshops on the same date

For more information:
ph: (03) 9808 3917 OR visit: www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au

Bi-monthly Double Features. Introducing Saturday Workshops

Wednesday 25th March 2015, Double Feature:
Keeping Safe in the Playground, Bullying & Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30pm
Success with Mainstream Schooling. 12.00 - 1.30pm

Saturday 30th May, Double Feature:
Tackling Sleep Issues. 10.00am - 11.30am
Toilet Training for Children with Additional Needs. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Saturday 18th July: Double Feature:
Teaching Social Skills to Primary School Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am
Autism Spectrum Disorder and Inheritance Difficulties. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 9th September: Double Feature:
New - Anxiety in Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am
Pedestrian and Autism Spectrum Disorder. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th November: Double Feature:
Talking with the Child about their Autism Spectrum Diagnosis. 10.00am - 11.30am
Talking to Friends and Family about the ASD Diagnosis. 12.00 - 1.30pm

MOLLY DENES PIE AND SLICE DRIVE

FOR MONASH SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL

Dear Parents & Staff,

We are conducting a Pie & Slice Drive fundraiser with Molly Denes. Orders and monies or cheques made payable to Molly Denes are to be returned to school by no later than THURSDAY 11th of June 2015.

Pies and Slices will be delivered to school on Tuesday 16th of June 2015. All orders can be collected after 2:00pm by parents from School or the children can take them home on the bus.

Thank you,

Fundraising Committee
Our School Raffle 2015

Let’s get ready to raffle!!

We’re gearing up for our best fundraising opportunity ever in Term 2 with our Our School Raffle.

In partnership with Scouts Victoria, this is a fantastic opportunity for our school to raise money and offer amazing prizes without any financial risk! It really is a win-win situation for everyone involved!

For every $2 ticket sold, $1.50 will come back to our school.

Our School Raffle is in partnership with Victorian schools and Scouts Victoria. With decades of fundraising experience behind them, Scouts Victoria handles all of the administration, the raffle books and 136 prizes, including a fantastic first prize of a Toyota Prado Hybird.

So we hope your family will get on board and start selling as many raffle tickets as you can – the more tickets you sell, the closer we get to raising the funds required for new equipment for our students.

Tickets will be given out to students at the start of next week and all money raised, plus ticket stubs must be returned to school by Friday, 29th August 2015. The winning tickets will be drawn at Victoria Scout Centre on 31st September 2014 at 3:30pm. The draw results will be published on the website at www.morsknhbarkle.com.au on 14th September 2015.

You can find out more information at www.morsknhbarkle.com.au and follow us on Twitter @OurSchoolRaffle and on Facebook (Our School Raffle).

So remember, as the Scouts say, ‘Be Prepared’!

The Fundraising Committee

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Arcadia 2K15

FRIDAY 15TH MAY
6PM TO 9PM

Clayton Community Centre Courtyard
9 - 15 Coche St, Clayton

For more information visit www.myfs.org.au or call 9591 3900

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Lions Club of Wheelers Hill Inc.

Lions Club Book Sale 2015

* Saturday 16th MAY
8 am ~ 4 pm

* Sunday 17th MAY
9 am ~ 12 noon

- Fiction Sorted by Author A to Z
- 9,000 Books; 25 Non-Fiction Categories

* At the Black Flat Community Centre
Cnr. Springvale and Waverley Roads, Glen Waverley

BarryPlant

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Male & Female Players Wanted for Sandown Cobras All Abilities AFL Footy Team

Age: 14 – 40yrs
Location: Edinburgh Reserve, Springvale
Play: Modified football rules
Eligibility: Intellectual disability

Training at Edinburgh Reserve, Edinburgh Road, Springvale: Wednesday /Friday.
TIME 4.30PM – 6PM
Also tenpin bowling every 2nd Sunday – ring Doug West on 0407837667 for information

Information Contacts
Call Bern McGrady 0408020054 bern@fit2play.biz
Call Doug West 0407837667.
Call Lew 0438534719 lewwatmell@netspace.net.au
Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

We used the results to support ...

In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website www.aedc.gov.au
Newsletter for schools & other education settings

Asthma Foundation Victoria

Terms 2 2015

FREE Q & A Panel Event @ The Royal Children’s Hospital

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria, in partnership with The Royal Children’s Hospital and Royal Melbourne Hospital, is very excited to announce that once again it will be holding a FREE Q & A Panel Event in June 2015.

Asthma Education for Parents and Carers

Remember that Asthma Foundations across Australia are able to provide free asthma education sessions to parents and carers. These sessions can be conducted either at the school or at a convenient location for a group of parents or carers. For more information, please contact us on 1800-651146 or schools@asthma.org.au

News from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s Training Department

We are a Registered Training Organisation, which delivers accredited courses under the trading name of Learn it. Live it.

That’s what we want people to achieve from our courses.
LEARN - new skills and knowledge and help themselves and others.
LIVE - a healthier life particularly in managing asthma, anaphylaxis and first aid emergencies.

To find out more about our nationally accredited training go to www.learnitliveit.org.au.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria

www.asthma.org.au
1800 ASTHMA (278-962)

Managing your Asthma and Allergy:
An Expert Panel Q&A

An opportunity for you to ask your asthma and allergy questions to Victoria’s top physicians.

Panelists include:

A/Prof Sarah Ranganathan  Director of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children’s Hospital
Dir Jo Harrison  Respiratory Physician, Royal Children’s Hospital
Prof Jo Douglass  Head, Immunology and Allergy Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital
Dr Joanne Smart  Clinical Allergist & Immunologist, Royal Children’s Hospital

Date:  Sunday 28 June 2015
Time:  4pm - 6pm
Venue:  Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children’s Hospital

To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Asthma Foundation Victoria on advice@asthma.vic.gov.au or 03 9326 7088

Asthma Australia

Terms 2 2015

What Else Do We Do?
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded to provide FREE asthma education to schools

Educate School Staff

Talk to Parents

Asthma chat to Students

Asthma Stall

Asthma Assist Registration

For more information or to arrange a FREE asthma session please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462

This initiative is conducted as part of the Adolescent and Child Asthma Program funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

Asthma Kids can be done at home (with a parent for younger children) as well as in classrooms. The site is interactive with students collecting idea balloons as they progress, leading to a certificate and going into a prize draw. Teachers will need to provide contact details at this point to comply with online requirements for children.

Facebook page for young people with asthma

A new Facebook page has recently been established for 13–25 year olds with asthma. The page is titled Young People with Asthma – Australia. Secondary aged students (must be 15 or over) and older young people can share their experiences, hear about latest developments and get tips on asthma management. Regular sessions will be held for young people to have their asthma questions answered by an asthma expert.

There will also be chances to provide input to our directions and resource development for this age group.

Asthma Australia

www.asthmaaustralia.org.au
1800 ASTHMA (278-962)
Stepping Stones
Stepping Stones Triple P is a parenting program that supports families who have children aged 0-12 years with disability or special needs.

Our Mission
Parentzone Eastern promotes the independence, resilience and healthy development of families throughout Melbourne’s Eastern Metropolitan Region. Services include parent information, education, capacity building, and the provision of resources to parents and professionals that work with parents on both a group and individual basis.

Our Mission
We achieve this through:
- The delivery of a range of parent education group programs, information resources and individual consultancy to vulnerable families in the community.
- Training, consultancy and resources to professionals providing a service to families.
- Building capacity through partnering with specialist services to develop best practice programs.
- Promoting access to a range of parenting support networks for both families and professionals.

Strengthening Parents Support Program
Connecting, supporting and informing Parents and carers of a child
With a disability or developmental delay

We aim to support the strong and healthy development of families with a child with a disability or developmental delay by:
- Connecting them with services, other families and community.
- Providing opportunities to strengthen family’s advocacy and self-advocacy skills.
- Providing information, resources and advice via the Parentzone Library, newsletter, email, phone calls, meetings and seminars.

Interested in receiving email updates and newsletter? Please click on the link below: parentzone.east@anglicarevictoria.org.au

9735 6150

Anglicare 47-51 Castella Street, Lyndale 31
Thursday commencing May 20 for 5 weeks
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00 noon
COST: FREE of charge
WANT MORE INFORMATION? Call 0450 005 340 or Julia at 0400 699 495
REGISTER ONLINE: www. triplep-steppingsstones.net

The Lion King is now starting its Melbourne run and a sensory friendly performance has been arranged for 1.30pm on Saturday 8 August. The performance has a number of changes:
- Removal of strobe lighting
- Reduction of any jarring sounds and lights focused into the audience
- House lights dimmed
- Flexibility to bring your own snacks
- Flexibility to leave and enter the theatre as required
- Trained staff will be on hand, and dedicated quiet and activity areas set up, should anyone need to leave their seat.
- A range of family friendly pricing will be offered for this performance, starting from $50 per ticket.

Amaze would like to congratulate Autism Awareness for arranging this performance after a successful sensory friendly show in Sydney last year, and to thank Disney for putting it on.

Book Tickets
Online: www.lionkingsensoryfriendly.com.au
By phone: 1300 889 278 (Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm)
In person: Regent Theatre Box Office, 131 Collins St Melbourne or Princess Theatre Box Office, 163 Spring St Melbourne. (Tues to Sat 9am to 5pm and Sun 1pm to 4pm)

The cost is $15 per session or $15 per session if siblings are attending also. Participants will be asked to enrol and commit to the term and tray.

Contact: Contact Heather or Karina at the IOE ACTIV8 program on 9758 5522 or email activ8@ioe.org.au

Interchange Outer East

Interchange Outer East (IOE) is trialling the weekly after school ‘Sport for Fun’ program over the last four weeks of Term 3. It is a great opportunity for kids and young people to play sport for fun, socialise and keep active in a non-competitive environment. Each session will include two different sports. There will be a skills training session followed by a friendly game. A variety of sports will be covered over the term, for example, soccer, football, cricket, basketball, etc. There will be one facilitator and a couple of volunteers running the sessions. The session will be open to individuals who are registered with Interchange Outer East, their friends and their siblings.

Time: Monday afternoons from 4.30pm – 6.00pm.
Date: The trial will run over the last 4 weeks of term 3. If it is successful, we will continue to run again in term 4.
Venue: InSportz Knox, 108 Lewis Road, Wantirna South
Cost: The cost is $15 per session or $10 per session if siblings are attending also. Participants will be asked to enrol and commit to the term and tray.
Contact: Contact Heather or Karina at the IOE ACTIV8 program on 9758 5522 or email activ8@ioe.org.au.
TWYLIGHT DISCO
For people with a disability

WHEN
Saturday June 20th 2015
WHERE
Helmot Centre, 125 George Street
Doncaster East
TIME
7pm to 10pm sharp
COST
$10.00 per person (Parents/Caregivers Free)
BOOKINGS
Call Penny
Phone: 9848 5400
Email: penny.moseh@ymca.org.au

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY
STEEL DRAGON!

Twilight Important Entry Information:

• All entry is by ticket only. Tickets/Cards enter free of charge.
• For participants catching taxis home - Parents/caregivers are required to see orange/look for pick-ups & participants on return (Please ensure you provide taxi company with instructions/destination address).
• During Twilight, all Youth Services staff/volunteers will be in supervision & responding capacity only. Outside of event, no supervision is provided.
• If a participant requires one on one support/attention, they must attend with a parent/caregiver. Parents/caregivers are required to maintain responsibility and supervision of their child or children at all times.
• Parents/caregivers will be contacted and expected to collect any participant that displays behaviours 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 Twilight, the environment is loud. We appreciate the need not upset everyone, therefore a “quiet area” is available for anyone wishing to use it.
• Water & Drinks provided free of charge courtesy of The Rotary Club of Doncaster. Tea & Coffee are also available for Parents & Carees
• 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 the Rotary Club of Doncaster and are not provided to, or used by any other party. If you do not wish to have images of yourself or your child/children published, please inform YMCA staff.

Manningham YMCA Youth Services
Ph: 9848 5400 E: mvs@ymca.org.au W: www.manninghamymcaouthservices.org.au
FB: www.facebook.com/manninghamymcaouthservices

Parent Support Network

Accessible Wheelchairs available for loan on the Mornington Peninsula

By Parent Support Network on May 13, 2015 in News

A variety of accessible wheelchairs are now available across the Mornington Peninsula for use by people with a disability in wheelchairs. The availability of these chairs will make it easier for people to explore the great outdoors. People using wheelchairs will be able to enjoy many of the stunning trails and beaches on the peninsula.

Accessible devices such as: Hippocampe, Sandcrusher, and All-terrain beach wheelchairs are able to travel over sandy and semi-rough tracks, traditionally inaccessible to people in a wheelchair.

Hippocampe:
• Easy to transport. Chair can be folded into a carry bag and placed in the back of a sedan.
• Ideal for compact sandy and semi-rough surfaces.
• A reasonably strong and fit person is required to push the chair on the beach and on trails with significant gradients.
• Option for two caregivers to assist with the manoeuvring of the chair
• Possible independent use by people with good upper body strength

Sandcrusher:
• Ease of manoeuvrability over sandy terrain
• Ease of self-transfer. Seat height similar to day chair.
• Comfortable seating
• Not designed for independent use

All-terrain:
• Easy to manoeuvre on sandy and semi-rough surfaces
• Comfortable seating
• Ease of self-transfer. Seat height similar to day chair.

Chairs can be booked free of charge. To book or for more information visit Mornington Peninsula Shire website or contact:

• Disabled Surfers Association on 0409 945 064
• Point Nepean National Park Information Centre on 5984 6014
• Rosebud Anglicare on 5986 9900
• Mornington OsChild on 5975 7644
• Mt Eliza Camp Maryyang on 9788 1100
• Somers Coolart on 5931 4000