Thank you to all families for your wonderful consideration and support to our school staff with regard to the untimely death of our staff member, Rose Davie. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in this matter.

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over. It seems no time at all since we commenced back after the summer break. I hope the weather remains fine and amenable to outside activities over the Term 1 break, so that families can make the most of it.

The following is a reminder to families from the Department of Education and Training:

**Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?**

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

**Helen McCoy**

Principal

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**WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER…**

- Message from the Principal
- From the Office
- From the Nurse
- My Time Group Meetings

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST…**

- Eastern Ranges School Holiday Training Camp
- TwyLight Disco
- AFL Victoria Holiday Program
- My Special Child - Parent and Carer Workshop

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**Friday 18 March, 2016**

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**Key Dates**

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**Pupil Free Days 2016**

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<td>Tue 1 - Melbourne Cup</td>
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Invoices for the 2016 year have now been forwarded to you in the post.

Thank-you to those families who have made their payments. Payment in full is required by 18th March 2016.

If paying your account via direct deposit please ensure that the highlighted Reference Code is included so the amount can be allocated to the correct account.

Should you require a payment plan please do not hesitate to contact Deb Crawley to discuss this matter.

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

!!! ATTENTION!!

Please note school closes at 2:30 PM on Thursday, 24 March and NOT 2 PM as stated in our last Newsletter.

Our sincere Apologies for this error.

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

Unsure what Centrelink payments are available to you? Visit [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) and select the Payment Finder.

**On June 25th, we will have a representative from Centrelink visiting as a guest speaker for our Parent Coffee Morning. Further details to follow!**
In accordance with the National Immunisation Program, all Year 7 students will be offered the following vaccinations:

- A single dose of Chickenpox
- A single dose of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Boostrix)
- Three doses of Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV).

Consent cards will be sent home to Year 7 students (born 2003). These will need to be completed and returned to school by the date specified. The following are the confirmed dates for the Monash council to visit our school for the above immunisations.

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**Health alert**

You may be aware that Victoria’s Chief Health Officer has confirmed cases of measles at a Victorian Primary School.

Measles is a contagious viral illness that causes a skin rash and fever. Serious and sometimes fatal complications include pneumonia and brain inflammation. Children and adults (but not pregnant women) can be immunised against measles to protect against the infection and the possible serious complications. Serious side effects or allergic reactions to the vaccine are rare. It is important to be aware of the symptoms and any child showing symptoms should see their GP as soon as possible.


**Head Lice**

We are endeavouring to win the fight against nits at our school. We request that you take a few minutes at home to inspect your child’s hair for any signs of head lice or their eggs.
MyTime at Monash Special Developmental School in 2016
EVERY TUESDAY at 9.15 in the Library
All parents and carers are welcome.

- MyTime is open to anyone caring for a child with disability, developmental delay, or chronic medical condition. Groups are open to everyone, regardless of the condition of their child. Children below school age may also attend groups with their parent or carer.
- MyTime groups provide a place to socialise, to discuss, to get information, and to support and be supported by other carers.
- Facilitators work with group members, helping them get to know each other and learn more about the services and supports in their area. Members choose what they would like to discuss in their group, with help from the facilitators. Depending on what the group wants to do, the facilitator might guide group activities or provide resources.
- Facilitators are workers from local organisations. They have qualifications and experience in disability, parenting or family support and bring to the MyTime group a good understanding of local resources and support services.
- Play helpers keep children, including school aged siblings, busy and active in activities so members can spend time catching up with one another.
- MyTime is free.

mytime.net.au
Come join us!

SESSION DETAILS

WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH
BRUNSWICK - GILLON OVAL

THURSDAY 31ST MARCH
MOORABbin - MOORABbin OVAL

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL
ESSendon FC - TRUE VALUE SOLAR CENTRE

MONDAY 4TH APRIL
BOX HILL - WHITEHORSE RESERVE

TUESDAY 5TH APRIL
FOOTSCRAY - MERV HUGHES OVAL

REGISTER NOW AT
WWW.AFLVICHOLIDAYPROGRAMS.COM.AU

My Special Child

PARENT AND CARER WORKSHOP

The workshop will focus on managing and reducing the negative symptoms and also navigating the minefield of professionals and therapists, that come with having a child with special needs, learning difficulties or behavioural issues with or without a diagnosis.

Our speakers:
- Katy Reid, Author of “Becoming Chief”, Coach Occupational Therapist and founder of NACRE, Cathy is a leading expert in special needs.
- Joanne O’Brien, Director and Presenter for the Australian Autism Association and former State Coordinator for Autism.
- Rebecca Perkins, LcB (Hons), founder of My Special Child and proud mother two sons, one of which has ADHD and an intellectual disability.

APRIL 16th 2016
10am to 4pm
Ross House
247 Flinders Lane
Melbourne

Tickets available at
myspecialchildonline.com/events