It is with mixed feelings that we **farewell** Elizabeth Lee today from Monash and Primary Group 11. Liz has been at the school for 11 years and over this time has taught in all areas of our school. Liz has at all times been extremely focused on the educational needs of her students as well as their wellbeing and that of their families. In addition Liz actively advocates against cruelty in all its forms and I know this will continue to feature strongly in her life after Monash. On behalf of the school community I wish Liz well in her retirement and thank her for the significant contribution she has made over the years.

At the end of last term we received a magnificent **donation** of bikes and scooters from Envision Employment Services. On behalf of the school I wish to thank them, especially Gina and Frank, very much for this kind donation and the delivery of these items in such wonderful condition to the school. One of the activities Envision undertakes is to restore, to their former glory, second hand bikes, scooters and trikes and then donate them to organisations such as ours, where the items can be used to enhance the students’ skills, health and wellbeing. Attached are photos taken on delivery day.
The following message has been provided by the Department of Education and Training.

**Do you know someone who can help foster connection?**

Every year, Victoria experiences a shortfall of more than 300 foster carers. These carers support the lives and outcomes of children and young people who cannot live with their families.

The Victorian Government are looking for individuals who can open their homes to the most vulnerable of Victorian children and young people.

It’s the little things foster carers do for a child that make them amazing, like sharing a meal at the table or a trip to the footy.

Carers don't need to be superheroes, but by offering this support foster carers change the lives and outcomes of those most in need.

If you feel you can be a suitable carer, apply now to begin the foster care recruitment and training process. To find out more about the enquiry process, see: [www.fosteringconnections.com.au](http://www.fosteringconnections.com.au) or call 1800 013 088.

_Helen McCoy_
Principal

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**From the Nurse...**

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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Invoices for the 2016 year have now been forwarded to you in the post.

Thank-you to those families who have made their payments.

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.

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 25”, we will have a representative from Centrelink visiting as a guest speaker for our Parent Coffee Morning. Further details to follow!”**
We will be holding a Mothers Day Stall from the 2nd to the 6th of May.

Gifts will cost $5 and your child will be taken to the stall to make their selection on the day.

Please put your money in a sealed envelope and return it to the class teacher.

Thanks

The Social Committee
MyTime at Monash Special Developmental School in 2016

EVERY TUESDAY at 9.15 in the Library

All parents and carers are welcomed.

- 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 groups, with help from the facilitator. Depending on what the group wants to do, the facilitator might guide group activities or provide resources.
- Facilitators are volunteers from local organisations. They have qualifications and experience in disability, parenting or family support and belong to the MyTime group. They provide a good understanding of local resources and support services.
- Play helpers keep children, including under school age siblings, busy and active in activities so members can spend time catching up with one another.
- MyTime is free.

mytime.net.au

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Family Fun Day

Come along & join the fun!

FAMILY FUN DAY

Please join us for an afternoon of fun & activities for the kids including Magic Surge, face painting and Melbourne Mobile Farm Animals!

Mobility Plus will have Senior Therapists from their paediatric equipment supplier Schuchmann along with their new products on show.

For full details see reverse!

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When: Saturday 21st May 2016

Time: 12 noon start for a 3.00pm finish

Where: Glenallen School, 7 Allen Street

Glen Waverley VIC 3150

* Please make your way to the Senior School Play Ground (enter via the end of Allen Street through the carpark or Beacon Street through the carpark). This area is undercover in case of wet weather.

Please RSVP by the 11th May 2016, including the number of adults/children attending via email to: ben@mobilityplus.com.au

We look forward to seeing you all there!
Upcoming presentations on laws relating to powers of attorney, administration, guardianship, wills and trusts

By Parent Support Network on April 23, 2016 in News

Upcoming presentations on laws relating to powers of attorney, administration, guardianship, wills and trusts

We are excited to announce that Andy Shaw of Robinson Gill Lawyers will be providing a two separate free presentations intended to inform the Knox community about the laws relating to powers of attorney, administration, guardianship, wills and trusts – with a particular focus on the needs of families affected by disability.

Who for: Anyone affected by disability interested in these issues

Where: Knox Council offices, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South VIC 3152.

When: First presentation – 7pm to 8:30pm on 28th April and will cover enduring powers of attorney, guardianship and administration. Second presentation – 7pm to 8:30pm on 5th May and will look at the importance of having a will, and also special disability trusts.

About Robinson Gill
For over 30 years Robinson Gill Lawyers has provided expert legal advice and a full complement of support services across all major areas of legal practice.

Please RSVP to: Peter Johnston, peter.johnston@knox.vic.gov.au or 9298 8819

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CAMP WINGS

26 – 29 JUNE 2016
Ages 14 – 18

Fun-filled sleep-away camps for young people with special needs.

Campers are supported by passionate and enthusiastic young adults and professional support staff who work to provide a safe and supportive environment. The electric Camp Wings environment provides a life-changing experience for all.

Enquiries by 5 MAY
0448 094 885
participants@flyingfox.org.au
www.flyingfox.org.au/campwings

FLYING FOX

Flying Fox is a youth driven network of life-changing opportunities for people with special needs. Along with our passion for education, Flying Fox is driving the community towards inclusion.

If it’s not fun, it’s not worth doing!

www.flyingfox.org.au