Next week all families will receive an invitation to attend the school, in order to provide your child’s class/section with the chance to showcase the learning opportunities in which they are engaged. We understand that it is not always possible for families to attend, but we hope that many will be able to attend the school to provide the students with this opportunity.

We have been fortunate to be in receipt of a number of gift vouchers to the Waverley Cinema generously donated by Antoine LeBon, grandfather of Amelie in Primary 14. We believe that in order to give everyone a chance to win, we will each fortnight, until the gift vouchers are all claimed, put our student’s names in a container and draw a winner fortnightly. The lucky person will be announced in the newsletter. We will start this in the next fortnight.

The following message has been provided by the Department of Education and Training.

At the end of March the Royal Commission into Family Violence tabled its report in Parliament. The report is the result of evidence given by hundreds of witnesses over the past 13 months from across the Victorian community and government – including our Department.

This is a historic moment in our state; one which many people should be able to look back on as a turning point in our state’s refusal to tolerate this deeply damaging social problem. For anyone who remembers the seemingly impossible aspiration to change smoking rates in the population, we have the same long-term agenda ahead of us to eradicate family violence. And we will need to stick at it.
The report makes 227 recommendations. The Victorian Government has committed to accepting all of the report’s recommendations in full. The report can read the report online, see: Report and Recommendations - Royal Commission into Family Violence

Each one of us has a responsibility to help prevent family violence.

The recommendation to mandate the introduction of respectful relationships education into every government school in Victoria from prep to year 12 is fundamental to changing attitudes and beliefs over a generation. It is an opportunity for our next young leaders to see gender equality, respect and resolutions other than violence as the norm.

**Helen McCoy**
Principal

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**From the Nurse...**

**Free Seasonal Influenza Immunisation 2016**

The Department of Health is offering the seasonal influenza vaccine free of charge for all students attending specialist schools.

As the flu virus changes each year, it is recommended that students be vaccinated even if they were vaccinated last year.

These immunisations have been scheduled for Wednesday, 18 May 2016. There will be only one session at Monash SCS so you may need to make alternate arrangements if your child is absent on this day. If your child does not normally attend school on the day, you are welcome to bring them in.

Elise Harper and Judy Dalton.

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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.

3 Friday, 9 September 2016
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!
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 make group activities or provide resources.
- Facilitators are members 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 under school aged siblings, busy and active in activities so members can spend time catching up with one another.
- MyTime is free.

mytime.net.au

Monash Special Developmental School
19-23 Academy Ave, Waverley Hill Phone: 9218 7400 Fax: 9218 7441

mytime.net.au

Primary Group Parent Coffee Morning
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT with DAN PETRO

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Dan Petro will be visiting Monash IDE from next month and we invite you along for a coffee and information session with him. Dan is an Educational Specialist, Behaviour Analyst and Director of Behavioural Education Australia Pty Ltd where he utilizes his extensive professional history of developing custom behaviour management and intervention programs. Dan has worked at length with our school over the past 3 years and it is highly regarded by both staff and families. We are sure you will find this session both engaging and informative.

When: Tuesday, May 31st 2016
Where: Monash IDE Staffroom
Time: 9.00 – 11.30 AM

* 9.30 – Enjoy a free hot drink prepared by students from the Monash IDE Child program.
* 10.00 – Dan Petro’s presentation with Questions and Answer session.
* 11.15 – Social time with Monash IDE families.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Topham, Social Worker on 9218 7400.

Please confirm your attendance by WEDNESDAY May 18th, 2016 by returning the below form to yvonne.topham@ide.monash.edu.au with your name and child’s name printed on the section titled “please confirm my attendance”.

Yvonne Topham, Social Worker

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT with DAN PETRO

I am able to attend.
I am not able to attend.

My Child’s Name:
My Name:

Helen McCrae, Principal
Email: monash.childcare@ide.monash.edu.au
Website: www.monashide.edu.au

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 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!

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

For full details see reverse!
**Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and (insert school name) is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 50 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au).

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(Certification Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Footer refers to the child/parent listed below in the consent declaration.

1) **Privacy Protection**
- The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2004 (Vic). This may include what we do with the personal information, how we hold personal information and how we use personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) **Consent:**
- If you provide your consent, your child’s school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the names of the children in the department. The Department will do this:
  - Publish your child’s name on the online Honour Roll located at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au) at the completion of the Challenge with other identifying factors such as early childhood centre name.
  - Authorize access to information and authorize use of consent.

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information collected about your child is kept safe and accurate. You can access, correct and withhold personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/PrivacyProtection.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/PrivacyProtection.aspx). Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit at privacy.evauktion@education.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the MTO Challenge Coordinator at the Department of Education and Training, on 03 9477 4524.

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Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll.

Name of child: .................................................................

Parent Signature: ..............................................................
My name is Laura Greene and I am the new Victorian State Representative for Angelman Syndrome Association Australia (ASAA). The role of the ASAA is to support, inform, educate, and advocate for families affected by Angelman syndrome.

There is an amazing and supportive Angelman community in Australia and support is available through groups on Facebook, and events held throughout the year such as International Angelman Day on February 15th, fundraising events and social events.

Our National Conference is being held from 7th-8th October this year in Melbourne, followed by a family lunch on 9th October. The conference sessions will include information on seizure control, communication, literacy, setting IEP goals, financial planning, video self-modeling, disability and siblings, NDIS, and more. We are excited to present 3 keynote speakers: Professor Ingrid Schefter, Professor Bernard Dan and Enn Sheldon.

Please see the ASAA website for more information about the upcoming conference, and for my contact details. I would love to hear from you.

www.angelmansyndrome.org
The Business of Parenting After Separation
Parenting Orders Program Group

How to manage ongoing parental conflict

- Unintend emotional maturity after separation
- Respect for conflict stages effectively
- Learn why 'business-like' parenting relationships work well
- Find new ways to communicate about a Family Law Order
- Consider how new partners influence family dynamics
- Help children feel safe and secure
- Create a new parenting relationship

A confidential four week group - both female and male participants.
Ex-partners will not attend the same group.
The Parenting Orders Program offers this group to add support, individual and family counseling, dispute resolution services.

Certificates of Engagement are available when required for court.

Booking a pre group interview is required:
Phone 03 9871 8300

each social and community health
main office
Building 2, 204 Canterbury Road, Box Hill North Victoria 3128
Tel: 1300 88 EACH (1300 88 3224)
info@each.org.au
each.org.au

2/7/2016 TAS: Clarence Aquatic and Sport Centre 11:00am - 3:00pm
9/7/2016 NSW: Sydney Olympic Park, Hall of Legends 10:00am - 2:00pm
10/7/2016 ACT: AIS, Lawnton St, Bruce ACT 2617 10:00am - 2:00pm
11/7/2016 SA: St. Peters College, St. Peter's Road, Hallett Cove 11:00am - 3:00pm

For more information, contact Cathy Lambert on 0408 272 166 or at cathy.lambert@parenting.org.au
Are you a mother of a child with disability?
Do you have time for your own health and wellbeing?

Attend a free full day workshop:
Healthy Mothers Healthy Families (HMHF).
HMHF is a program for women seeking to achieve better health,
wellbeing and empowerment for themselves as they manage family
duties. The program is presented by an occupational therapist--Dr
Helen Bourke-Taylor, and a women’s health general practitioner--
Dr Fiona Jane. The program is based on research that identifies
issues that challenge women with additional family responsibilities,
and offers strategies to women to manage stress and stay strong.

Venue in Fitzroy
Saturday, May 21st
Registration essential

Contact Helen Bourke-Taylor
Ph 03 9953 3736
Email: helen.bourke-taylor@acu.edu.au

Your pathway to the National Disability Insurance Scheme explained

The NDIS is due for rollout in the Outer East of Melbourne in November 2017 – this free information session will explain the NDIS in more detail, who will be eligible and how current funding & services will change under the new scheme.

Who For: Families/individuals on the Autism Spectrum

When: Thursday 19th May
9.30 am – 11.30 am

Where: Eastern Ranges School – Professional Learning Centre
56 Dorset Rd Ferntree Gully

Presenter: Pamela Gatos - Community Engagement Project Coordinator - AMAZE (formerly Autism Victoria)

RSVP: Michelle Penney - 9290 5799 or Michelle.Penney@maroondah.vic.gov.au
Priority will be given to families attending Eastern Ranges School if registered prior to 05/05/16
From 06/05/16 registration will be open to other interested people

Parking: Please see reverse for parking details