Friday 22 July, 2016
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It is with pleasure that I welcome 2 staff members to the school. Jane Beed [physiotherapist] is returning to the school, while Kerri Redenbach is the new education support staff member in Group 2. It is great to have Jane back with us and to have Kerri join our staff.

In addition I wish to offer a very warm welcome to Ariyan N, Alec S, Matthew D, Carol S, Jordan C, Evelyn LP [Group 1] and Santiago D S [Group 2] and their families to our school community.

I am pleased to announce that this fortnight’s lucky winner of the Waverley Cinema gift voucher is Chloe H’s family in Group 19. Congratulations to this family. We will be drawing another winner in a fortnight’s time.

This week has seen a large number of families meeting with staff to review the progress of their child and to establish new educational goals for the next 6 months. Thank you to the families who have been able to attend the Student Support Group meetings. It is anticipated that all student goals will be finalised for this semester over the next couple of weeks. For the last 12 months the teachers have trialled establishing student goals for the 12 months, July to June of the following year. However as this procedure has caused some confusion, it has been decided to return to establishing the 12 month goals over the calendar year, that is, January to December. Hence for this semester we are only setting 6 monthly goals so that next January will see 12 month goals established again.

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As the various metropolitan regions transition to NDIS, it is extremely important that family contact details are kept up dated at the school. The school records will be used to provide the necessary contact details for students and their families, to facilitate transition to the NDIA.

**Helen McCoy**
Principal

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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
Statements for outstanding school fees for the 2016 year will be forwarded to you in the post. It would be appreciated if all outstanding fees could be paid prior to the end of this term.

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.

Thank-you.

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 and select the Payment Finder.
CUA Community Care 2016 Grant

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School Environment

At Monash Special Developmental School we think it is very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the School Fun-Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we are eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia's largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to build a sensory garden for our Senior and Pathways students to enjoy. The garden will be full of a range of sensory experiences including sand play, a rock garden and a sensory board painted by the students.

We are up against 19 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and as the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 26 July – 23 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Eastland branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. Also, voting is open to anyone so please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting.

Please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

Thank you for listening and thank you for voting – at the end of the day, all students will benefit as they progress through the school.
TICKETS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2016
Join the pack & Bark For Life

It's Relay For Life - for dogs! Register your four-legged friend for Bark For Life and join the fight against cancer. This unique event honours the caring qualities of dogs during a cancer experience. Register and join the pack to raise vital funds for Cancer Council's research, prevention and support services.

Register, Participate, Donate.
1300 65 65 85

Bark For Life
9 October 2016
Jells Park South, Ferntree Gully Rd
Wheelers Hill
facebook.com/relayforlifeAustralia
relayforlife.org.au

‘Zoe has a caring gentle soul and played an integral part in my recovery. I love her so much and can’t imagine my life without her.’ Dave, Breast Cancer Survivor

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lifeAssist, your NDIS planner, proudly presents a FREE practical workshop to help you plan for your future with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Plan My Future workshop series

Plan My Future workshops are open to all people with disabilities, their families and their carers. These free practical workshops are led by people with expertise in helping people achieve their goals. We will help you be prepared for your NDIS planning meeting.

Topics covered:
- Eligibility and getting the supports you need from the NDIS
- Setting, reviewing and achieving your goals
- Building your own network and community supports
- Being your own best advocate
- As well as the chance to have all your questions answered

Your next free Plan My Future workshop:
TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2016 9.30am - 11.00am OR 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Monash Special Developmental School - Staff Room
Finger Food will be provided

Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday 27th July 2016

Email [yvonne.milford@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yvonne.milford@education.vic.gov.au) with your name and child's name OR Return the slip attached to your child's teacher.

- Yes, I am able to attend the Tuesday 2nd August 2016 Workshops 9.30am - 11.00am
- Yes, I am able to attend the Tuesday 2nd August 2016 Workshops 5.30pm - 7.00pm
- No, I am NOT able to attend.

I would appreciate an interpreter in ______________ language.

My Child's Name: ______________________

Group: ______________________

My Name: ______________________

[Teachers please return these slips to Yvonne Milford]

Life Assist has nearly 40 years experience assisting those with disability and their families to meet their goals. This has been in the Eastern part of Melbourne. We are also supporting those with NDIS funds in the Gawler region and are exploring to the North East of Melbourne currently.
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 about the services and supports in their area. Members choose what they would like to discuss in these 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 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 under school aged siblings, busy and active in activities to members can spend time catching up with one another.
- MyTime is free.

mytime.nct.au

AUTISM HEALTH & WELL BEING EXPO  
Education. Empowerment. Everyone.

There's something for all people of all ages whether they have autism, are carers, educators or just want to know more! We have exhibitors covering the areas of:  
- Psychology  
- Occupational Therapy  
- Speech Pathology  
- Teacher training  
- Anti-bullying organisations  
- Fitness and Self Care

Previews from leading specialists throughout the day and a Quiet Room to retreat to when needed.

Tickets available at www.autismhealthandwellbeingexpo.com  
$15 Adult  
$10 Student  
$10 Concession FREE!

We invite you to attend the Autism Health & Well Being Expo and learn about the resources available to you.

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SELF-CARE AS A CARER  
LOOKING AFTER THEM MEANS LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF

As a parent, grandparent or carer of a child with a disability, when do you find that time to do something meaningful for you?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
- Are you tired, stressed and feeling the caregiving journey overwhelm you?
- Are you struggling to find time to do the things which help you cope?
- Are you feeling lonely and isolated?

Cater to your needs and interests in a way that helps you self-care.

Anglicare Victoria 03 9735 6109 | anglicarevic.org.au
Conference Accommodation

All rates are inclusive of GST, and include up to 2 adults and 2 children using existing bedding. These rates are discounted conference rates and will be available until 45 days prior to the conference.

Accommodation Rates and Room Types (room only)

- Mercure Classic Room $155
- Mercure Lakeside Room $195
- Mercure Privilege Premium Room $185
- Mercure Family Room $205
- Pullman Classic Room $225
- Pullman Lakeside Room $245
- Pullman Family Room $265

Buffet breakfast that is included at same time as hotel accommodation is $25 per person (full price $35).

There are 5 disability access rooms, 1 Mercure Accessible Room, and 2 Pullman Accessible Rooms.

Check in time 2:00pm. Check out time 11.00am.

Recreation facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna and spa, and gymnasium.

Internet access is complimentary for ACON Le Club members (free to join), available in guest rooms as well as public areas of hotel. WiFi is an additional charge of $29 per 24 hours for up to 3 devices.

Please make your accommodation booking directly with the hotel, and mention that you are attending ASA conference.

Pullman & Mercure Melbourne Albert Park Reservations
Direct: +61 3 8354 2026
Email: hotel.reservations@accor.com
Website: www.pullmanmelbourne.com.au

LIONS CLUB BOOK SALE 2016

* Saturday 6th AUG
8 am ~ 4 pm

* Sunday 7th AUG
9 am ~ 12 noon

- Fiction Sorted By Author
- 9,000 Books
- 25 Non-Fiction Categories

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

“Focus Melbourne on Disability”

Please join the FOA team for a screening with plenty of ability! We will be showcasing some amazing short films and documentaries from our 2015 festival.

DATE: Friday 19th August 2016

VENUE: Hotel Grand Chancellor Melbourne
131 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

2 Screening Time Options - Please note preferred option in RSVP

TIME A: 10am Arrival - 10.30am Start - 12.30pm Finish
TIME B: 1:30pm Arrival - 2:30pm Start - 4:30pm Finish

RSVP: By 12th August to Donna on (02) 8880 5892 or events@riverembankment.com.au

This is a free event but strictly RSVP.
Please note any access requirements when you RSVP.
"Finding Our Voice"

11th National Conference
Angelman Syndrome Association Australia

Pullman & Mercure Melbourne Albert Park
7-9 October, 2016

Conference Program:
Friday October 7
• Professionals oriented sessions
• Welcome Reception
Saturday October 8
• Family oriented sessions
• ASAM
• Conference Dinner
Sunday October 9
• Family run day

Keynote Speakers:
Professor Bernard Dan
Professor of Neuroscience at the Free University in Brussels (Bud) and the Editor-in-Chief of "Developmental Neurobiology and Child Neurology". International Patron of the Angelman Syndrome Association of Australia.

Professor Ingrid Schaeffer
Professor at the University of Melbourne and Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health. She previously ran the Melbourne Angelman Syndrome Clinic held at the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Mary Louise Bertram
Early Childhood Educator from Perth, Western Australia, with special qualifications and training in the areas of communication, AAC, sensory processing, and therapy support for children with complex disabilities.

Conference Information:
http://www.angelmansyndrome.org/Conference/ConferenceCoffef
Online Registration:
https://eventbrite.com.au/event/1xxx
Contact Us:
Kelle Wild: kmurray Wildcats (National ASA President)
Keith Kennedy: mkennedy gmwu@gmail.com (National ASA Treasurer)

Provisional Program Friday 7th October – Professionals*

08.00-08.30  Registration and arrival tea and coffee  Lake Lobby
08.30-08.50  Welcome address  Lake Room Plenary
08.50-10.00  SESSION 1
Keynote address  Professor Bernard Dan
10.00-10.30  Morning tea  Lake Lobby
10.30-12.30  SESSION 2
10.30-11.00  High-throughput screening for Angelman syndrome and Prader-Willi syndrome: potential for early diagnosis and detection of allelic loss  Professor David Aaron
11.00-11.30  Angelman Syndrome due to UBE3A Variants and Neural Migration Defects: Genotype-Phenotype Correlation  Mark Williams
11.30-12.00  The Power of Data - The Global Angelman Syndrome Registry  Megan Cross
12.00-12.30  A Review of Current Angelman Syndrome Literature  Dr. Shaun Omara
12.30-13.30  Lunch  Windward Restaurant
13.30-14.15  SESSION 3
14.00-14.15  Keynote address: Supporting AS Associations with Library and Communication Strategies  Mary Louise Bertram
14.15-15.45  Afternoon tea  Lake Lobby
15.45-17.00  SESSION 4
15.45-16.20  Video Self Modeling as an Intervention for Children with Angelman Syndrome  Anthea Naylor and Shane Spence
16.20-16.50  Understanding Sensory Processing Disorder  Mary Louise Bertram
16.50-17.00  Closing address  *Program subject to change

Provisional Program Saturday 8th October – Families*

08.00-08.30  Registration and arrival tea and coffee  Mercure Lounge
08.30-08.50  Welcome address  Lake Room Plenary
08.50-10.00  SESSION 8
Keynote presentation  Professor Bernard Dan
10.00-10.30  Morning tea  Mercure Lounge
10.30-12.45  SESSION 9
10.30-11.00  Using AAC all day, every day  Charlotte Cohen
11.00-12.10  Keynote presentation: Communication and Literacy for All  Mary Louise Bertram
12.15-12.45  Lunch  Windows Restaurant
12.45-15.10  SESSION 7 - CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS
LAKEROOM 3 [Child-oriented]
LAKEROOM 4 [Adult-oriented]
13.45-14.15  Supporting Siblings (Debby Cotton)
14.15-14.45  Goal setting (Mary Louise Bertram)
14.45-15.15  NDIS experience for a Child Angel (Peta Parke)
15.15-15.45  Afternoon tea  Mercure Lounge
15.40-17.00  SESSION 8
Keynote presentation: Siblings and their management  Professor Ingrid Schaeffer
16.00-17.02  Closing address  *Program subject to change
17.00-17.30  AOM

Schedule of Fees

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Online Registration:
https://angelmansyndromeconference.eventbrite.com.au

N.B.: Event fee changes, Service and Processing Fees that will be added to your registration fees.

http://www.pullmanmelburbpark.com.au

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