Friday 05 August, 2016
No 12

It is my pleasure to offer a very warm welcome to Emmanuel V T [Group 1] and his family to our school community.

I am pleased to announce that this fortnight’s lucky winner of the Waverley Cinema gift voucher is Jalen A’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 participating in NDIS information sessions at the school. Thank you to Yvonne Tonner for organising these meetings. Yvonne has put an NDIS information sheet in this newsletter and we will endeavour to provide further information, as it comes to hand, in each subsequent newsletter. 2017 will see most of our students transitioning to NDIS. Students who are currently enrolled in an SDS will automatically be eligible to receive NDIS funding. Students attending a mainstream school or special school will be required to establish eligibility for NDIS.

The following information is provided by the Department of Education and Training:

Do you know an outstanding volunteer who is making a difference in your organisation or community?

The Premier’s Volunteer Champions Awards recognise, celebrate and thank volunteers for their extraordinary contribution to Victoria. Nominations close 5pm on Tuesday 9 August.

For more information see ‘Premiers’ Volunteer Champions Awards’.

Helen McCoy
Principal

Key Dates

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Public Holidays - Victoria

| Nov                  | Tue 1 - Melbourne Cup |

What's In This Newsletter....

- Message from the Principal
- From the Office
- From the Nurse
- CUA Community Care 2016 Grant
- Scouts Raffle
- My Time Group Meetings
- Entertainment Book
- NDIS

Other Items of Interest....

- Aspect Positive Behaviour Support
- Drama for Diverse Abilities
- Focus on Abilities: Short Film Festival
- Australia Day 2017 Award Nominations
- Interchange Workshop for Grandparent Carers
- Life Assist Workshop
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
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 date is confirmed for the Monash council to visit our school for the above immunisations.

3 Friday, 9 September 2016
From the office....

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.
TICKETS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2016
**MyTime**

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 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 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.net.au
Drama for Diverse Abilities

Drama games, skills and activities

Build confidence and communication skills whilst having fun exploring the world of drama.

Anna Healy, a published author, actor and drama teacher will help you discover the world of performance, voice, movement, mime and improvisation.

Open to 15 years*. Carers and support workers welcome.

Join us on Tuesday, 20 July, 7.00-8.30 pm for a FREE Come & Try class.

Classes will run from:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 2 August, 2016 (7 weeks)
- **Time:** 7.00-8.30 pm
- **Cost:** $35 (free relief may be available)

Booking are ESSENTIAL.
Please call 9842 6726 or visit our website

www.pineslearning.com.au

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AUSTRALIA DAY 2017
AWARDS

NOMINATIONS OPEN

City of Kingston’s annual Australia Day Awards recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of citizens and community groups who have made a significant contribution to the local community.

Award winners will be officially announced at Council’s Australia Day Breakfast on Thursday 26 January 2017.

**Do you know an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the local community?**
Nominate them today!

**CATEGORIES**

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Young Community Group of the Year

Read more about the eligibility criteria, fill out or download the nomination forms online
kingston.vic.gov.au/australiaday
or call 1300 653 356

Nominations close Friday 28 October 2016.

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FOCUS ON ABILITY
SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

**2016**

You’re invites 8 MELBOURNE

**“Focus Melbourne on Disability!”**

Please join the FBA team for a screening with plenty of ability!
We will be showcasing some amazing short films and documentaries from our 2016 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 - 10.50am Start - 12.15pm Finish

**TIME B:** 1pm Arrival - 1.30pm Start - 3.15pm Finish

**RSVP:** By 12th August to Donna on (03) 8856 5679 or events@focusemployment.com.au
(Lunch/Afternoon Tea and refreshments provided)

This is a FREE event but stricty RSVP
Please note any access requirements when you RSVP

www.focusonability.com.au
Workshop for Grandparent Carers

Are you the primary care giver to a grandchild under the age of 18 with a disability? Please join us at the upcoming Interchange Outer East workshop for grandparent carers.

The workshop will be presented by Dr Gow from Planning Great Futures and will cover the following:
- Planning for the future as a grandparent carer
- What help is available for carers
- Looking after your own needs
- NDIS

Learn about the new Interchange Outer East Grandparent Carer Program - social outings and support for grandparent carers.

All attendees at the workshop will also be invited to join the group for lunch afterwards at a local cafe.

Making it Possible

Join us for an interactive workshop for parents of a child with a disability (0-18), aimed at building knowledge, skills and confidence in planning, goal setting and advocacy. This workshop is in two parts: planning and advocacy. Carers must be able to attend both workshops.

Who: Eligible carers living in the Eastern Metropolitan Region who provide care to a person who is living with a severe and profound disability.

When: Part 1 - 16 August, Part 2 - 30 August, 9:45am to 2:00pm

Cost: FREE, lunch provided at the workshop.

Where: LifeAssist Head Office, Ground Floor, Building 5, Brandon Office Park, 530-536 Springfield Road, Oak Waverley

RSVP: Can be arranged if required

Places are limited. RSVP to request a place by Friday 5 August.

RSVP online: xxyy.mk/28TF5Dhn or by email: events@lifeassist.org.au

Carers will need organise their own transport. Places will be confirmed by email on Monday 8 August.
Saver Plus

Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program, offered locally by community organisations in over 60 locations across Australia.

Saver Plus assists individuals and families on lower incomes to build assets and improve financial capability, and has supported thousands of lower income earners to develop a lasting savings habit.

Saver Plus offers:

- up to $500 in matched savings for education costs
- fun, free and informal financial education workshops
- assistance and support from a local Saver Plus worker to establish a savings goal and develop a savings habit.

Participants make regular deposits towards a savings goal over a 10-month period and attend workshops to build their financial management skills. When participants reach their savings goal, ANZ matches the amount – up to $500 – towards education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment, music tuition, TAFE or apprenticeship costs, and much more.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Contact us
Phone 1300 610 355
SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355
Email saverplus@bsl.org.au