On behalf of the school community it is my pleasure to welcome Chris Sh [Group 1] and Chloe D [Group 2] and their families to our school.

Just a reminder, there is no provision to supervise student arrivals prior to 8.30 am. Any students arriving at school between 8.30 and 8.45 am should be taken directly to the hall where staff are rostered on duty to supervise the students. Similarly, please go to the hall if collecting your child after 3pm. It has become a little congested at the front of the school at this time and in order to ensure the safety of all the students, staff are again on duty in the hall to supervise. Although we wish to promote student independence, it cannot occur when there is a risk to student safety and well-being.

Last Friday we were fortunate to have Wesley students visit together with their teacher to assist Basil, Tony and Neil with our gardening program. The students also generously donated $500 to support the purchase of plants for the garden. We greatly appreciate their efforts and I would encourage you, when you are next in the vicinity, to view the planting that has been undertaken to the east and north of the hydrotherapy pool.

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**Key Dates**

**Sept. ‘15**

Fri. 18  LAST DAY OF TERM 3 School finishes at 2:30 PM

**Oct. ‘15**

Mon. 05  FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Tues. 06  Mytime Parent Support Group

**Nov.’15**

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**Term Dates 2015**

Term 1  January 29 – March 27

Term 2  April 13 – June 26

Term 3  July 13 – September 18

Term 4  October 05 – December 18

**Pupil Free Days 2015**

Jun  Friday, 5 June

Nov  Monday, 2 November

Dec  Friday, 18 December
School Review:
As outlined in the last newsletter Monash SDS is undertaking a school review in Term 4 and we would greatly appreciate feedback from as many parents/carers as possible. Thank you to those who have already responded.
The 3 broad focus areas are:

1. Student Learning:
   - To improve student learning and achievement by more clearly articulating and documenting desired student learning outcomes.
   - To continue to develop and consolidate a school culture of rich professional learning so as to build key understandings across all staff and enhance leadership capacity.

2. Student Engagement and Wellbeing:
   - To continue to develop an inclusive curriculum/program that facilitates success and independence plus nurtures self-esteem.
   - To continue to develop a highly effective positive student behaviour support strategy that promotes student wellbeing and maximises engagement.

3. Student Pathways and Transitions:
   - To improve communication and maximise participation by all parties in key transitions across school life.
   - To continue to improve transition programs that will enhance student readiness for their pathways in, through and beyond the school.

Please register your thoughts either via the website or on the attached feedback sheet. Your thoughts and ideas are vitally important to us.

PSD Review:
Again, as outlined in last fortnight’s newsletter, the Department is undertaking a review of the Program for Students with Disabilities. The Department of Education and Training is very keen to receive feedback from parents who have taken part in an Educational Needs Questionnaire meeting. This is the process undertaken to provide funding for students participating in an educational placement at a government school. Comments can be made by registering for the Online Survey see below

Review of the Program for Students with Disabilities, or via email to the review team at: psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au or by mailing your suggestions to:

PSD Review
Department of Education and Training
PO Box 6307
Melbourne VIC 3004
Contributions close on Friday 11 September 2015.

Helen McCoy
Principal
From the office....

A big thank you to all those families who have either paid their fees in full or are paying via the instalment method. As we are approaching the half way mark for the year and in term 3, we would appreciate any outstanding amounts be settled at your earliest opportunity. If you wish to discuss a different payment arrangement please contact Deb Crawley on 9239-7431.

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
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DEAR PARENTS / GUARDIANS...

The ‘World Festival Of Magic’ Show is spectacular family entertainment, starring internationally acclaimed Australian magician Michael Boyd, whose mastery of ‘Grand Illusion’ will amaze & astound audiences of all ages! Michael will be supported by the extraordinary artist JETON-The Gentleman Juggler – performing balancing acts seen nowhere else in the world!

The Lions Club of Melbourne Markets hosts this amazing show to lift the spirits, & bring well needed joy, laughter & wonder to the special needs & disadvantaged children of Melbourne. This show will captivate & mesmerise both adults & children of all ages!

WHEN & WHERE
MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE
1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC 3006
SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2015
11am & 2pm
(Show Duration 90 Minutes including Interval)

This FREE Show is complimentary of the Lions Club of Melbourne Markets and would not be possible without the Sponsorship & Support of Melbourne’s Business Community.

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* Please return ticket order to your school by ___/___/2015

CHILD'S NAME: __________________________________________________________

PARENT'S NAME: ________________________________________________________

© FROM ALL OF US INVOLVED, PLEASE ENJOY THE SHOW ©
MyTime is coming to Monash Special Developmental School in Term 4
TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER at 9.30

All parents and carers are welcomed, further details to follow.

- MyTime is open to anyone caring for a child with disability, developmental delay, or chronic medical condition. Groups are open to anyone, 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 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 so members can spend time catching up with one another.
- MyTime is free.

mytime.net.au

Parent Information Forum
LEARNING AUTISM: TIME FOR YOU

Being a new parent is no easy task and being a parent with autism can make it considerably more challenging. In this forum, Jo White discusses the difficult journey many parents face after their child is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, offering some strategies and addressing support networks for parents.

This forum aims to help support parents with a child facing a new or recent diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, with the theme “Why fit in when you were born to stand out?”

Jo is a professional counsellor and special education teacher specialising in autism spectrum disorder. She has more than 20 years of experience working with children, parents and affected adults and has worked closely with a variety of organisations, including Amaze (Autism Victoria) and Workname Child and Family Services.

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2015
Time: 2.30pm-3.30pm
Venue: Worsthorne Room, Whitehorse Centre, 379 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading
Fee: Free (Nunawading Library)
Further Information: Council’s Parent Resource Officer, Molyb (03) 9262 6175 or molyb@whitehorse.nsw.gov.au
Cost: $5 gold coin donation payable on the night.

Longitudinal Study of School Leavers with Autism and their Families

The transition from school to adult life for young people with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) is one of the most difficult periods to traverse. Services around this significant juncture in a young person’s life are fragmented and poorly coordinated.

Our team from the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC) led by Associate Professor Amanda Richdale, Dr Mirko Ulijarvic and Ru Ying Cai, together with the Autism Cooperative Research Centre (Autism CRC) are together conducting a longitudinal study into this poorly researched area. Our aim is to better understand the process of transitioning from school to adult life for Australian students with Autism and their families. It is our hope that knowledge gained from this project will inform future support programmes for young people with ASC and their families.

If you, or someone you know, is in their final year of school or first year post-school, OTARC would like to hear from you. We are specifically inviting young adults aged 15-25, with or without ASC, together with their parents or guardians to participate in this study.

For any questions or to express your interest in participating please contact Dr Mirko Ulijarvic (M.Ulijarvic@latrobe.edu.au) or Ms Ru Ying Cai (R.Cai@latrobe.edu.au). Alternatively, to find out more please visit Autism CRC’s website: http://www.autismcrc.com.au/longitudinal-study-school-leavers-autism.

Accessible Music Program - Early Intervention

Making music is a great way to bring people together and develop new skills in a fun and engaging way. This program brings together children with special needs together with their parents to create and share music.

Workshops are 45 minutes in length and are suitable for children aged 3-6 years. Each participant will prepare a simple melody that will be recorded in a music file for later use.

Goals of the program include:
- Positive interaction between family members
- Shared music making
- Developing communication skills
- Developing social skills
- Participation will have the opportunity to:
  - Create music together
  - Use music technology (including the Special Access Kit™)
  - Learn strategies for using music in different settings
- The program targets children aged 3-6 years and their parents/caregivers.

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne, The Channel
Time: 10:00am to 11:30am on Thursdays
Date: Thursday 23 July - Thursday 5 August 2015
Thursday 19 October - Thursday 31 October 2015
Duration: 6 sessions
Cost: $35 per session

Registrations are now open. Register online or call 9693 0300 for more information.

See our website at artscentremelbourne.com.au

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW ALL PLACES ARE FULL!
Accessible Music Program for Families

Siblings in Sync is a unique and innovative school holiday program for children with additional needs and their siblings.

- Foster relationships between siblings
- Provide positive shared experiences
- Give children the opportunity to express themselves
- Communicate with their sibling through creative music-making

The session is run by two experienced Music Therapists and will be tailored to suit the individual needs of participants within a small group.

Participants will have the opportunity to:
- Create music together
- Use music technology (including The Special Access Kit)

Music Therapy is the planned and creative use of music to obtain and maintain health and wellbeing. It may address physical, psychological, emotional, cognitive and social needs of individuals within a therapeutic relationship.

Music Therapy is a registered allied health profession.

Thank you to the generous donors who support our programs.

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Fb: www.facebook.com/manninghynamcayouthservices

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop
For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based 3-day Autism Specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in Manningham.

More than 200 families have participated in Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. First workshop evaluations showed improvements in the effectiveness of the workshops with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: 7th, 8th, 9th October
Where: Keavon Centre - 511 Sunnyside Highway, Wantirna South, VIC 3152
Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm (11am for registration)
Cost: FREE (tea, coffee & snacks provided - participants to bring own lunch)
Registration: Register via the “Events & Workshops” section of our website www.aspectvictoria.org.au

Aspect would like to acknowledge Manningham Council for their support and promotion of our programs and for generously providing the venue for this event.

Caterpillar City is on the ground floor of the venue.

Can I wear my child's/young adult's school uniform?

As this is a workshop, the priority is to support parents/carers of children and young adults with autism. If you feel your child/young adult would benefit from wearing their school uniform, it is recommended that they come in casual dress.

The parents/carers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing.

What happens if my child/young adult has a medical condition?

It is important to inform us of your child's/young adult's medical condition at the time of registration. It is possible that the workshop may not be suitable for children/young adults with specific medical conditions.

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Using ENJO fibre technology and water you can clean your entire home eliminating 90% of chemicals. A single ENJO fibre is 100 times finer than a human hair.

Each of these ultra-fine strands are engineered to form a unique wedge shape with multiple cleaning surfaces that lift, trap and hold dust, dirt, bacteria, grease and grime. The particles are only released from the fibres when ENJO cleaning cloths and gloves are washed.

ENJO gives an 8x deeper clean than traditional cleaning methods and is as simple as wet-wipe-dry. It saves what’s precious to you – time, money, health, water and the environment.

Contact Kimberley Seymour-Wald
M: 0401813739
kimberleysen@gmail.com
www.enjo.com.au

Special Olympics Australia

September School Holiday Programs

Melbourne West
Tennis Victoria University Community Sports Stadium, 457 Burke Road, Kooyong
Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2015
Time: 10am - 1pm Cost: $10

Melbourne East
St John's Aquatic Centre, 180, Surrey Road, Roxhill Park
Date: Monday 28th September 2015
Time: 10am - 1pm Cost: $10

The program is available for participants between 8 - 18 years old.

Supervision is provided but not on one to one care, so students are to be able to participate independently.

Program Information
Special Olympics Victoria in partnership with AMP IT UP are offering two exciting new Multi-Sport holiday programs for students with a disability from school holidays. The program is designed to give people with a disability the chance to showcase their skills and experience new sports.

Program proudly delivered by

Inviting all mothers of children with a disability to participate in a research study on mental health

Survey closes 7th September!!!

The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program at the University of Melbourne is conducting a new study to understand what mothers need from services to better support their mental health. This research is based on a partnership we have with parents to inform new research. The study is titled “Investigating the Needs, Gaps and Barriers to Mental Health Care for Mothers of Children with a Disability”.

All mothers who care for a child (0-25 years) with a disability are invited to participate in an online survey. Results will be written up anonymously and into summary sheets and a journal publication.

Online Survey
This survey will take 25 minutes and participation is anonymous.

To do the survey, please click this link
or copy and paste this into your web browser: https://nccps.mcr.ox.ac.uk/surveys/?s=4VRRF4WXRA

Please contact Shane Johnson
shane.johnson@unimelb.edu.au or call 0035 9613 if you need any assistance.
Places are still available for the Sony Star Camp. Star Camp is a **FREE**, fun filled three day, two night camp for children with a disability aged from 5-15 years old. The STAR holiday camp will be held at Scotch College from Saturday 12th December until Monday 14th December, 2015. We plan to accommodate 26 boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 15 who have intellectual and/or physical disabilities. These children will be in the care of recently graduated Year 12 students from Genazzano College, Loreto Mandeville Hall, Sacré Coeur, Scotch College, St Kevin’s College and Xavier College for the duration of the camp. The camp is **free** and has been generously sponsored by Sony Foundation Australia.

Medical facilities of the highest standard will be available at the College. We will have registered nurses on duty each shift and doctors on call 24 hours a day. A great deal of preparation will ensure the medical needs of each child in our care will be attended. We will pride ourselves on our choice of student who will care for your child. These students, called Companions, will be interviewed and selected with great care. We plan to have two Companions with each child for the duration of the holiday camp. These students, we anticipate, will see this experience as a privilege, where they will undoubtedly learn a great deal about children with disabilities and themselves; please view attached commentary from a past student companion. Along with the nurses, the companions will be supported in their role by a number of teaching staff from the six schools. All adults who work on the camp will be required to sign a form connected with the Child Protection legislation.

We hope the camp will be a time of great fun and enjoyment with a program of swimming, picnics, games, fair and parties. We also hope the camp will provide a much deserved break for the full time carers of your child. We are anticipating a large number of applicants who will want to participate in the camp. It may therefore be necessary for us to contact your child’s school to obtain information to support their application.

Please visit website- [www.respiteeast.org.au](http://www.respiteeast.org.au) and click on Events and Programs and Sony Star Camp- Places Available to find the expression of interest form and an advertising flyer. Please return your completed form to RIDE@vooralla.com.au.

*The closing date for applications is Friday, 28th August. Completing the expression of interest form does not automatically indicate your child has been accepted and a letter regarding the success of your application will be sent by mid-October.*


I highly recommend this unique and enriching experience for your child and invite you to apply.

Yours faithfully
Mark Oski
Registrar
Sony Foundation STAR Camp, Melbourne
DISABILITY EXPO

DISCOVER THE RESPITE POSSIBILITIES...

Wednesday 9 September 2015
10.00am - 2.00pm

The RIDE Disability Expo is the biggest source of disability respite information in the Eastern Region. Over 80 service provider stalls are available this year.

Where
Hungarian Community Centre
788 Boronia Road
Wantirna South 3152

Contact
For registration and enquiries:
1300 886 798
ride@yooralla.com.au

GAME ON 2015

Wheelchair Soccer Tournament

Join the highlight event of the 2015 RIDE Disability Expo. Reigning champions the “MIGHTY WARRIORS!” will be defending their title at the annual RIDE Wheelchair Soccer Tournament, hosted in partnership with Scope.

The winning team will receive certificates and a night at the movies.

The rules:
• 5 players per team
• During play, all players must use either their own wheelchair or one of the wheelchairs provided.

What you will need:
• Team name
• Team poster
• Team colour (shirts, arm bands, caps etc)
• Cheer squad

Saver Plus Fact Sheet

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

Who can join?
To be eligible, participants must:
• have a Carers Allowance in a Carer’s Pension or Concession Card
• be at least 18 years old
• have some regular income from work (the amount of their income) including casual, part-time, full-time or casual employment); and
• be a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child or a person with a disability or a person attending or receiving an educational or training service.

How does the program work?
Saver Plus participants are assigned a Saver Plus Financial Planner who helps them to set up an ANZ Kangaroo account at their local ANZ Bank. These accounts have regular deposits. They are matched with Saver Plus workshops to build their financial management skills and over time their savings grow faster than regular ANZ matches the savings; up to $10,000 for the purchase of non-educational items.

Since 2003, Saver Plus has supported more than 23,000 Australians to save.

ANZ has provided more than $30 million dollars in matched funds to participants across Australia since 2003.

Participants have saved more than $43.5 million dollars during the program.

Successes
Contributed to the overall, by the Financial Literacy Coalition for Australia, a Place Member’s Award for Excellence in Community Banking Excellence in 2012 and 2013.
Third Place Winner of Best Socially Responsible Product in Money Management Category of the Best Awards 2013.
Gold winner of Best Socially Responsible Project in Money Management Category of the Best Awards 2013.
Recognised as BSR’s Bridge Program in 2012.
Participants score programs high in the ANZA, ESOA Social Benefits Award in 2011.
Outsanding Achievement Award in the Community Category Money Smart Week 2013.

How did the program start?
Saver Plus is a collaboration of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivering financial literacy workshops. The Department of Education and Training and the Department of Social Services have been significant implementing agencies.

What are the benefits of the program?
Independent research published by RMIT in 2011 found that participants who completed the program:
• 88% continued to save the same amount or more than 12 months past completion.
• 84% reported that achieving their goals increased their self-esteem.
• 66% were better equipped to deal with unexpected expenses.
• 64% experienced family savings, including children, to save.
• 89% were more aware of where to go to get help with financial decision-making.

How to find out more
To find out more, contact Saver Plus
saverplus@bstl.org.au
1300 886 798

2015 RIDE Disability Expo