



Our Values are to be...

**Safe, Respectful, Responsible**

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Labour day public holiday	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
SSG Meeting Night	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Photo Day 	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Harmony Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Whole school assembly 2.30pm	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Last day of Term 1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
First day of Term 2	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am full of praise for the way our students have settled so well into 2020.

Walking around the school, it seems like students have been involved in new activities and routines for months.

An example of this is the introduction of Monday morning assemblies in the senior learning area. Well done to Kelly and team for such a successful morning.



Of the 9 new students to the school, 8 of them are from the primary learning area. They are getting used to the new environment, routines, staff and peers.

We are so proud of all our students! Staff are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to engaging our students. The resilience demonstrated by students as they embrace change is a credit to our families and our community.

Our Prep families have shown incredible support in settling their children into the school daily routines. It can be a big adjustment for our youngest students and new families, and we thank you for your support.

### **Student Support Group (SSGs) Meeting**

Student Support Groups provides opportunity to have input from families in determining priority-learning goals for students. Family input is invaluable for us, in getting to know your child as a learner, and to maximise their opportunities for progress this year. Our expectations for learning are high, and we believe these are strengthened with consistent home-school partnerships. Our expectations are equally as high with regard to attendance, punctuality, being prepared for classes, and encouraging students to be responsible and independent.

**SSGs will take place on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:15pm -7:30 pm.** You will receive further information re: SSGs in the coming weeks. If for some reason, you are not able to attend on the day, you are welcome to make alternate arrangements with your child's class teacher.

### **Seesaw App**

Apologies for the delay in accessing the Seesaw app this year. Our IT Staff are working towards rectifying the issue ASAP. Thank you to families who have sent in communication books or communicating through notes. It is anticipated that Seesaw will be up and running next week.

### **Student Information Forms**

Please remember to review, amend and return the forms promptly and return the forms even if there are NO amendments.

### **School Council Elections**

I hope you have all received call for nomination letters on Tuesday. This year, there are 5 parent vacancies. **Nominations close on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please give consideration to nominating the position on the council. You may nominate yourself.

### **Annual Privacy Reminder**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement featured at the back of this newsletter.

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

### **School Contribution Fees**

Please note that the school fees are:

Primary Learning Area; \$260 Year

\$65 per term

Secondary Learning Area; \$300 Year

\$75 per term

You can pay the office directly or opt to transfer funds to our school account:

***Please put your child's name in the description.***

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 168073104

Hope you enjoy the weekend.

**Davina**

**SAFE**

**RESPONSIBLE**

**RESPECTFUL**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents and carers**

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.



**Yarraville Strong  
Parents Group  
2020**

**Come along and join us for a morning tea and catch up with other parents/carers of children/young people with a disability or developmental delay**

- Connect and chat with other parents/carers
- Get support and support others
- Share ideas and find out about supports and services in your local area

**When: Mondays - 24/02/2020; 23/03/2020; 27/04/2020; 25/05/2020**

**Time: 9:45am — 11.15am**

**Where: Yarraville Special Development School,  
117 Blackwood Street, Yarraville**

The group is facilitated by Annette Jorgensen, the Strengthening Parent Support Program Facilitator at MacKillop Family Services

**Want to attend the group or find out more?**

Contact Annette Jorgensen:

✉ [SPSP@mackillop.org.au](mailto:SPSP@mackillop.org.au)

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My Special Child

# EXPO

Melbourne 2020

*'Supporting Children and Adults with Additional Needs'*

Time 2 Train

scope  
making it happen

899 Light

THE THERAPY STORE

You First

Saturday 22nd February

Mooney Valley Racecourse

Melbourne, Australia

The Expo will feature a range of fantastic exhibitors providing information, services and products those with a special need or learning difficulty as well as their families and educators

- Large Range of Exhibitors
- 10 Expert Speakers
- Chill out zone
- Certificates of Attendance Available
- Families welcome

BOOK  
ONLINE  
TODAY!

For More Information Visit:

[www.myspecialchildonline.com/expos](http://www.myspecialchildonline.com/expos)

Standard adult ticket \$15 when booking online (\$20 on the door)

Under 12s free

(see website for more details)