



Our Values are to be...

Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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Yarraville Festival	Sunday 18 th February 2018
Curriculum Day (Pupil free day)	Friday 23 rd February 2018
School Council Meeting	Tuesday 27 th February 2018
YSDS Pyjama Day – Gold coin donation	Friday 2 nd March 2018
SSG Meeting Afternoon	Tuesday 13 th March 2018
Harmony day	Wednesday 21 st March 2018
School Council Meeting	Tuesday 27 th March 2018
Whole School Assembly 2:00pm – 2:30pm	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Last day of Term 1 2018, students finish at 2:30pm	Thursday 29 th March 2018
First Day of Term 2 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many familiar faces from 2017 and the new families at the annual “Meet the Staff Evening”. The evening gave parents and carers an opportunity to touch base with classroom and specialist staff and gain an insight into the programs and learning opportunities that students will be experiencing over the course of the year.

Thank you to the Secondary Learning Area team for the wonderful spread for all.

Harmony Day

On Wednesday March 21st, we will be celebrating Harmony Day at school. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange or a cultural outfit for the occasion. We will run an afternoon program (1:00 pm - 2:45 pm) on the day for our school community. We hope that you can join us to celebrate cultural diversity. The theme for this year’s Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. From next week, all classes will be undertaking an inquiry on ‘How do we celebrate cultural events?’. As they investigate this, students will have opportunities to engage in learning about different cultures through reading, viewing photos and clips, cooking, sensory play, performing and visual arts.

Monash University Research

Monash University is conducting a research on school attendance for students with intellectual disability. Please see the flyer attached for details. You will not receive the flyer if you participated in the research last year.

School Review

This year our school will undergo a school review. The review will be an opportunity for us to evaluate the progress made against the goals and targets listed in the current School Strategic Plan.

In the process, we will determine where the school sits against all the essential elements in the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO) dimensions.

Another part of the process will involve organising legislated policy documents and ensuring appropriate school processes are in place to meet VRQA compliance.

To help us in the evaluation process, we will be sending home some questionnaires seeking your feedback and will organise parent forums at school later in the term. Your feedback will be very important in the process.

Student Free Day

Please be reminded that students are not required to attend school on Friday February 23rd. Staff members will be attending a whole day PD on Balanced Literacy on the day.

Coles Sports for School Vouchers

We have registered for "Coles Sports for School Vouchers". Please help collect these vouchers when you shop at Coles and send them to school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Ashwini

Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.



How does it work?



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Step 1
For every \$10 spent at Coles, customers will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.
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Step 2
Your school's families can then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.
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Step 3
Every voucher received by your school will go towards your tally to help you order sports equipment.

YSDS Pyjama Day

Gold Coin Donation

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018

Come to school **DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE PYJAMAS** and **BRING IN A GOLD COIN** to donate to the Good Friday Appeal!

Help raise funds for The Royal Children's Hospital





NDIS Engagement Schedule for Brimbank, Melton and Western Melbourne 2018

What is the NDIS? These sessions will be delivered by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) staff. They will be raising awareness and understanding of the scheme for potential participants, family and community members.

Date	Location	Venue	Community Session	Provider Session	Eventbrite Link (Booking)	Community Translation	Eventbrite Link (Booking)
Tuesday, 20 th February 2018	Werribee	Werribee Racing Club Function and Events Centre 2 Bulban Road Werribee	9.30am - 11.30am 3.00pm - 5.00pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm	12.30 pm - 2.30pm	Werribee Community & Provider- 20th Feb 2018		
Wednesday, 21 st February 2018	Moonee Ponds	The Clock Tower 750 Mount Alexander Road Moonee Ponds	9.30am - 11.30am 12.30pm - 2.30pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm		Moonee Ponds - 21st Feb 2018		
Friday, 23 rd February 2018	Footscray	Council Town Hall Reception Room - Council Offices Cnr Hyde and Napier Street Footscray (Parking via Lawson Place)	9.30am - 11.30am 12.30pm - 2.30pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm		Footscray - 23rd Feb 2018	Vietnamese 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Footscray Vietnamese - 23rd Feb 2018
Tuesday, 27 th February 2018	Newport	Newport Community Hub 13 Mason Street Newport	9.30am - 11.30am 12.30pm - 2.30pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm		Newport - 27th Feb 2018		
Wednesday, 28 th February 2018	Keilor East	Burley Griffin Neighbourhood Centre Park Drive East Keilor	10.00am - 12.00pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Keilor East Community & Provider - 28th Feb 2018		
Thursday, 1 st March 2018	Hoppers Crossing	Encore Events Centre 80 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing	9.30am - 11.30am 12.30pm - 2.30pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm		Hoppers Crossing - 1st March 2018		

ACD NDIS Workshops

**BE
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The NDIS is the most significant change in the way people with a disability will receive supports and services.

Are you ready for the change?

Why choose an ACD workshop?

ACD is a parent-run organisation, providing information, support and advocacy to Victorian families of a child with disability.

We have a reputation for providing unbiased, accurate information, so you are fully informed to make the choices which suit you and your family.

Most of our staff are parents of a child or young person with disability ourselves, so we do understand.

ACD will be running **FREE*** NDIS workshops for families of children with a disability:

Topics Include:

- NDIS Overview and NDIS Plan
- Prepare for NDIS Planning
- Managing your Child's NDIS Plan
- Advocacy in the NDIS

*You must be an **ACD member** to attend, bookings are essential!

**ACD Membership is FREE for the first 12 months
if you join before October 31 2017!**

Go to www.acd.org.au to become a member today.

**Become an ACD Member today to receive information
about upcoming workshops!**



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