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YARRAVILLE

Special Developmental School

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Parents Group 9:30am @ YSDS	Tuesday 27 th 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,

As the term draws to a close, it's a great time to reflect on what has been a fantastic beginning to 2018. We have seen our students enjoy many incursions and school activities that have included Clean up Australia Day, Aboriginal story telling sessions, and all the cultural learning in build up to Harmony Day, as well as multiple excursions and programs that have included Swimming, Soccer, Inter School Sports, Inflatable World, Projects with Purpose, Canteen, Travel Education, and so on.

Harmony Day

We celebrated Harmony day on Wednesday of this week, and what a celebration it was! The students reaped the rewards of their learning throughout the term, participating in and enjoying several cultural activities that included dance, music and drumming, art and painting, and culinary delights. Many thanks must go to Kelly for doing a fantastic job in organising the event, as well as the Warringa Drumming students, all staff and participating parents for your support on the day!

End of Term Assembly

We will be holding a school assembly next **Thursday, March 29th** at 2:00pm. We hope that you can join us to celebrate the achievements students have made this term. **Please also be aware that school will finish at 2:30pm on this day.**

Parent feedback survey

Your feedback is important! Please take a few minutes to fill out our parent/carer feedback survey. We have a paper copy available at the office (English and Vietnamese) and the survey is available online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NM5PZD>

Happy Holidays!

I wish you all a fantastic break, and am looking forward to continuing the great work with all the students in Term 2.

Warm regards,

Tim Witcombe
PE Specialist

Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day

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Parent's Group

You are invited to attend our first information session of 2018

When: Tuesday the 27th of March

Time: 9:30 am

Venue: Yarraville SDS

Abigail Hoy, from the Strengthening Parents Support Program at Mackillop Family Services together with Mariela Beck-Godoy Allied Health Worker from the Department of Education and Training will be presenting crucial information on what you need to know about



Everyone is welcome to come along and also meet with other parents for a very informative morning tea.

PREPARING FOR TRANSITION TO THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

This **two hour** information session is aimed at assisting people with disability and their families start to prepare for transition to the NDIS and includes:

- Basics on the NDIS in a user –friendly format ie. what it is, who for, what it funds & how the scheme works
- Practical ways to prepare for and manage the transition to the NDIS
- Latest updates on the scheme

23rd May, 2018

Altona Meadows Library

1st Floor meeting room

(2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows)

10am –12pm

About the presenter:

Christine has many years working with the disability 'System' along with personal experience as a parent of a young adult with a disability who has been funded by the NDIS since 2013.

Christine works at VALID and has supported many individuals and their families with resolving NDIS issues and getting the best out of the NDIS in all the Victorian rollout sites.

Refreshments will be provided. Bookings are essential.

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NDIS - Families as Planning Partners Course

5 Week Course: Fridays 20th, 27th April & 4th, 11th, 18th May 2018

9.30am – 2pm | Free – Places are Limited

Venue: Youth Resource Centre, 86 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

This five week course will cover:

Friday 20th April Session 1. NDIS introduction and the Families' role

- an intro to the what, how and who gets the NDIS
- what is the families' role in light of the NDIS?



Friday 27th April Session 2. Getting your point across effectively!

- being aware of how I communicate
- communicating your needs with the NDIS, workers and services



Friday 4th May Session 3. NDIS Planning & Why have a PCP

- the benefits of having a person-centred plan (PCP)
- the NDIS planning process



Friday 11th May Session 4. The NDIS funding & purchasing process

- managing your funding package
- engaging and purchasing services



Friday 18th May Session 5. Consolidating your plan!

- building the information in your NDIS plan
- consolidating the information for your family members' 'Whole of Life' plan



Attendees are asked to commit to attending the whole course. Attending one or two sessions is not an option.

Expression of Interest by 5th April 2018 (places are limited so register early)

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