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Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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First Day of Term 2 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
Parent Resource making morning	Tuesday 1 st May 2018
Morning Tea for Vietnamese families	Friday 4 th May 2018
Curriculum day – pupil free day	Friday 8 th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of a very busy but successful term. During the term our students have had various opportunities to experience purposeful learning. Students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about how cultural events are celebrated in Australia. The highlight of the term was our Harmony Day celebration last Wednesday - a fabulous celebration of the different cultures. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live and the celebration of our cultural diversity was embraced by the school community. We are proud of the cultural diversity in our school and what has been achieved this term.

We wish to thank Kelly Botha for organising this special event and a special thanks to students from Warringa Park School for facilitating interactive drumming sessions for our students.

I also acknowledge the work of our wonderful staff for their work this term.

Individual Learning Plans/ Career Action Plans

Today you will receive your child’s Individual Learning Plans (ILP) or Career Action Plan (CAP). These plans which have been developed through consultation with parents/carers and staff are very important tools to support and review your child’s progress in their education over the course of the year.

School Council

At this week’s School Council meeting the following key positions were filled:

President – Kim Mace, Vice President – Brian Hayes, Treasurer – Cindy Edmiston. I would like to wish our new Council all the best for the year ahead.

Grand Prix

Last week, some students from the Secondary Learning Area were treated to a day at the Formula 1 Grand Prix which they thoroughly enjoyed. This is now becoming an annual excursion and one that some students particularly look forward to.

Café

The café is now open and the senior students have been making the best coffee in the West. Our café is open 9:30 to 11:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You are welcome to visit and try our coffee for \$3.00 a cuppa.

Term 1 has disappeared in the blink of an eye. Thank you to all our families for making this first term such a positive and solid start to 2018. We wish all our families a great break over the holiday period, and look forward to counting this journey with you again in Term 2. To all footy fans, enjoy the footy season. Go Bombers!

Last but not the least, well done to the Daughters of the West for winning the AFLW premiership!

Have a great holiday!

Regards,

Ashwini

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.

Please contact Gateway Community Services
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NDIS - Families as Planning Partners Course

Daytime: 9.45am – 2.00 pm on the dates below

Wednesday 30th May & 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June 2018

Venue: Maribyrnong City Council, Cnr Hyde & Napier St, Footscray.

Rooms – Session 1 & 2 - Community Service room; Session 3 & 5 - Town Hall Regulatory Service meeting room;
Session 4 - Town Hall Function room

This course will be conducted over five sessions:

Wed. 30th May **Session 1. NDIS intro & the Families' role**

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



Wed. 6th June **Session 2. Getting your point across effectively!**

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



Wed. 13th June **Session 3. NDIS Planning & Why have a PCP**

- person-centred plan (PCP) & its' benefits
- the NDIS planning process



Wed. 20th June **Session 4. The NDIS funding & purchasing process**

- managing your funding package
- engaging and purchasing services



Wed. 27th June **Session 5. Consolidating your plan!**

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



Attendees are asked to commit to attending the whole course, that is, attending one session is not an option. However, VALID also conduct one-off specific topic Info Sessions.

Registrations CLOSE on Thursday May 17th 2018 (Register ASAP as limited numbers)

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The Families as Planning Partners Course aims:

This course is designed to assist parents/families of people with disability to get updated on the many changes in the disability services area.

It will also assist them to get ready for transition to the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) through:

- * planning – for now & the future
- * How the NDIS Individual funding & support could work for them

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FORM

Wednesday Daytime – Footscray 2018

Please note that there are limited places & you will be notified if you are successful in gaining a place in the course.

Name:

Address:

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Phone: Mobile:

E-mail:

Age of family member with disability: 6 yrs & under 7 - 18yrs 19yrs+

A Light lunch, tea & coffee will be provided during the course.

Do you have any dietary needs?.....

Do you consent to VALID keeping your details to send you updates about events & information that is relevant to families? Yes / No

If you miss out on this course do you want to be put on the wait list? Yes / No

Please return your EOI to VALID

Registrations **CLOSE** on Thursday May 17th 2018 (Register ASAP as limited numbers)

To Register return the above EOI & for more information

to VALID 235 Napier St, Fitzroy or email: maree@valid.org.au

or Maree Hewitt 0409 965 264