



**YARRAVILLE**

Special Developmental School

Edition 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018



Our Values are to be...

**Safe, Respectful, Responsible**

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Parents Group 9:30am @ YSDS	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
SSG Evening	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
School Council Meeting	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Whole School Assembly 2:00pm – 2:30pm	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Last day of Term 2 2018, <b>students finish at 2:30pm</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
First Day of Term 3 2018	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Secondary Learning Area Careers Expo	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
Transition Bus Tour to view Post School Options	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 2 draws to a close the Secondary Learning Area has a lot to celebrate and to look forward to! Teachers have already completed planning for next term and I can reveal that students will be taking part in ‘Geocaching’ both at school and in the community, a disco in the hall in the first week back, the introduction of weekly hydrotherapy for some students, cooking sausages at Coles to sell to the public and at school to sell to their peers and teachers, pamphlet delivery to promote our Sausage Sizzle, cake decorating to celebrate Book Week, a school yard tidy up and gardening. All of these experiences will be used to provide context to our literacy lessons and activities each week. Our regular programs such as Café, Electives, Interschool Sport, Soccer, Canteen, Swimming, Projects with Purpose, trips to Inflatable Word, Travel Education and SPICE will continue to take place too.

Students have participated in a wide range of programs this term and with the introduction of new activities such as Music with Raz, every week they have enjoyed exploring ways to make music as a group and individually.

A group of 10 students have joined our optional dance troupe who meet with Ana during second break on Tuesdays. They have been rehearsing a dance which they are looking forward to performing at our school assembly on the last day of the term. It’s great to see our students choosing to give up their break time participate.

The Altona Men’s Shed have kindly funded and fitted new furniture in our Café which has provided us with more storage and seating space. We are thrilled with the progress that our students have made in regards to working in the Café and we look forward to expanding this program even further next semester.

The Photography Elective group have excitedly announced that their short film entitled ‘Samuel Baker, Student, Firefight and Friend’ has been accepted into the Focus On Ability Film Festival! We would like to acknowledge Greg Gozdz for his hard work in producing the film with the students.

We trust you enjoyed looking at the photographs in last week’s newsletter of student participating in the school Sport Day. The Secondary Learning Area students took part very enthusiastically and it was obvious from their comments, thumbs up and facial expressions that they had a great time doing so.

We hope that you enjoy reading your child’s Mid Year Report as well as looking at the photographs in their Learning Diary both of which will be sent home today. We encourage you to look at the photos together and celebrate all the hard work that your child has undertaken this semester, I know that all the staff members in Secondary Learning Area are extremely proud of what students have achieved!

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Our **Secondary Learning Area Careers Expo and SPICE Information Session** will take place on **Wednesday 8 August** at school from **5:30pm to 8pm**.

Our **Transition Bus Tour** to view **Post School Options** for students over 18 years old will take place on **Wednesday 15 August** from **9:30am – 2pm**.

More information to follow next term.

Don't forget the **Whole School Assembly - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2:00pm – 2:30pm. Students will finish at 2:30pm.**

Regards,

Kelly Botha  
Leading Teacher

**Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day**



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## **Yarraville Parent Peer Support Group**

**is looking for new members to come along and join us  
for a Morning tea**

**When: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Where: Yarraville SDS**

**Time: 9:30 – 10:45**

**Connect and chat with other parents from your school.  
Share your ideas on information sessions you would like to have at the  
school.**

**Come along and give it a try!**

**Let me know what time would suit you if the above day does not.**

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In term 2, the Photography Electives Group wrote, filmed and directed a short documentary film starring our very own Samuel Baker. We are happy to announce that it was accepted into this year's Focus On Ability short film festival. The festival commenced on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

#focusonability

Remember to vote for your favourite film  
**June 20 - July 3, 2018**

**Yarraville Special  
Developmental School**  
Samuel Baker -  
Student, Friend and Firefighter  
Australian School Entrant  
Official Selection - Documentary

[WWW.FOCUSONABILITY.COM.AU](http://WWW.FOCUSONABILITY.COM.AU)

You can go online and view the film under School Entrant – Documentary. While there, please take the time to vote for the film. The more votes the film receives the more chance the school has of receiving the 'Audience Choice' award.

Well done to all the students from the Photography Electives Group, and especially to Samuel Baker.



## INVITATION TO REGISTER INTEREST

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) comes into place, the Australian Government wants to hear directly from NDIS participants, parents, carers, school communities and transport providers about how we could best support transport to and from school for NDIS participants into the future.

The Department of Social Services, state and territory governments and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) are working together to understand if and how supported school transport could be delivered in the NDIS.

To help inform future options, we are holding a series of discussion forums with parents, carers and representatives of the school community to discuss what's needed to support children who have a disability to travel to school under the NDIS.

We will also be holding workshops with the services and supports delivering supported school transport, such as transport providers, disability services, advocates and other interested stakeholders.

Current supported school transport arrangements will remain the responsibility of state and territory governments until all governments have considered the outcomes of the consultation and agreed on an approach.

You're invited to register your interest to attend one of the workshops:

- **Wednesday 20 June** at Bendigo SDS, 26-32 Lockwood Road, Kangaroo Flat
- **Thursday 21 June** at Barwon Valley School, 76-94 Laura Ave, Belmont
- **Friday 22 June** at Emerson School, 1430 Heatherton Rd, Dandenong

Each location will be holding 3 sessions:

- 12.30pm – 3.00pm** for *School Bus Operators, School Representatives and Staff*
- 4.30pm – 6.00pm** for *Families: Parents, Students, Schools*
- 6.30pm – 8.00pm** for *Families: Parents, Students, Schools*

**To register go to :** <https://engage.dss.gov.au/supported-school-transport-and-transition-to-the-national-disability-insurance-scheme/supported-school-transport-and-transition-to-the-ndis-expression-of-interest/>

If selected to be part of a forum or workshop, you will be sent further details about the time and venue.

We encourage you to read the discussion paper about the future of supported school transport online at [engage.dss.gov.au](https://engage.dss.gov.au) prior to attending. If you are unable to attend a forum/workshop, you can still have your say by making a submission directly to the Department of Social Services online.

**Please note:** Places are limited. Registering your interest does not guarantee you will be provided a placement. The Department is not able to provide funding support to attend a forum or workshop.

