



YARRAVILLE

Special Developmental School

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Our Values are to be...

Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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School Fundraiser – Movie afternoon @ Sun Theatre at 4:30pm	Sunday 22 nd July 2018
Proloquo2go information session at 9:30am – 11:30am	Tuesday 24 th July 2018
Secondary Learning Area Careers Expo	Wednesday 8 th August 2018
Transition Bus Tour to view Post School Options	Wednesday 15 th August 2018
Coffee morning @ YSDS Café at 10:00am	Thursday 23 rd August 2018
Last day of Term 3 2018	Friday 21 st September 2018

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for term three. We have had a very smooth start with all classes and programs settling in very well. Students seem happy to be back at school - enthusiastic and engaged.

Our School Website

We hope you have all had an opportunity to look at our new school website. Thank you to those who provided feedback and we encourage you to continue to do so.

School Purpose, Vision and Values

Staff at the school have looked at the above to ensure that all our programs are in alignment with our purpose, vision and values. You will find copies of our philosophy on the website.

PURPOSE STATEMENT: “Our purpose is to engage our students in innovative and high quality education and social programs in a friendly and caring environment. The school is a place where learning is fun and our students achieve in ways which provide a basis for continued learning. Our school community forms part of a diverse and larger community, and our focus is on the ability of our students to participate in this local community and beyond.”

VISION: Excellence in Education

VALUES: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible

End of Term Assembly

Thank you to all of you who attended the end of term two assembly. The assembly was a celebration of the term’s work and congratulations to the following students for receiving special awards. Enjoy the photos!

Principal’s Award – William Fonoti, Dylan Duong, Havish Reddy and Max Smith

PBS Star Award - Kual Deng, Jude Calleja

A special mention goes to the YSDS dance group for their brilliant performance and to Samuel Baker and the YSDS photography electives team for the production of the movie “Samuel Baker - Student, Friend and Firefighter”.

Proloquo2Go information session

A REMINDER - YSDS is presenting an overview session on using Proloquo2Go to families on **Tuesday July 24th at 9:30am, will finish around 11:30am**. The session is held at YSDS.

Facilities

We have been fortunate to receive some funding to replace the fence in the front of our school. We hope that this work will commence soon and look forward to the safety that the new fence will provide for our students.

Over the holidays, painting work has refreshed our corridors in the main building and it looks amazing. We have also had some plumbing work done in the café in addition to the sink and cupboards that were kindly built and installed by Altona Men’s Shed.

Café

Don't forget to take advantage of our wonderful baristas and enjoy a coffee at our school café in these colder months. The café will be open: **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am – 11:00am.**

Every Minute Counts

Term 3 is a busy term and our teachers have planned exciting and engaging curriculum for this term. We have high expectations that students will be doing their best every day and that they will have every opportunity to learn every day (Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day). A reminder to all families that the school day begins at 9:00 am. Students need to be in classes, ready for the start of the day. Late arrivals are interrupting learning.

Please also note that if your child is absent, we require an explanation for the absence. You may get a phone call from school if your child has been away for a consecutive number of days and we have not heard from you as to the reason for absence.

Student Support Group meetings (SSG)

We appreciated the opportunity to continue our conversations with parents at the end of last term during our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings. Goals set out in the Individual Learning Plans for this term will focus on your child's progress as a learner.

Parent Opinion Survey

The 2018 Parent Opinion Survey "Your School, Your Say" will be open for parents to complete between Monday 23 July and Sunday 26 August.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Department of Education is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.

It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

On Monday, some of you will receive an e-mail from us with a link to the survey.

Please take some time out to fill out the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and **only takes 15 minutes to complete.** The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 23rd July and Sunday 26th August.**

All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The online survey is available in English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi.

Survey language guides will be provided in a range of languages including Albanian, Bengali, Burmese, Cantonese, Dari, Filipino, Greek, Gujarati, Indonesian, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Korean, Macedonian, Malayalam, Pashto, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Serbian, Sinhalese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish or Urdu.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

School Fundraiser

This Sunday, our school will hold a fundraiser movie at the Sun Theatre. The movie is Mamma Mia 2 and we are pleased to say that we have sold all tickets. Thank you to all of you who have supported this fundraising event.

Have an awesome week ahead and stay warm!

Regards,

Ashwini

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