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Our Values are to be...

Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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Seesaw Information Sessions AM - PM	Tuesday 26 th February
Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings - 3:15pm -7:30 pm	Tuesday 19 th March
Harmony Day	Wednesday 20 th March
Last day of Term 1 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019

Dear Parent and Carers

I am full of praise for the way our students have settled so well into 2019. Walking around the school, it seems like students have been involved in new activities and routines for months. We are so proud of the students! Staff are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to engaging our students. The resilience demonstrated by students as they embrace change is a credit to our families and our community.

Our Prep families have shown incredible support in settling their children into the school daily routines. It can be a big adjustment for our smallest students and new families, and we thank you for your support.

Meet the Staff evening

Thank you to the families who attended last Thursday evening. I continue to be excited about this opportunity for families to hear from staff about their children’s classroom curriculum and also get an understanding of our expectations. This year, we did not have many families attending on the evening. We will be reviewing the format and timeline for Meet the Staff evening for 2020 so if you have any feedback: comments or suggestions, please share with us over the phone, email, note or in person. My email is sharma.ashwini.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Student Support Group (SSGs) Meeting

Student Support Groups provides opportunity to have input from families in determining priority-learning goals for students. Family input is invaluable for us, in getting to know your child as a learner, and to maximise their opportunities for progress this year. Our expectations for learning are high, and we believe these are strengthened with consistent home-school partnerships. Our expectations are equally as high with regard to attendance, punctuality, being prepared for classes, and encouraging students to be responsible and independent.

SSGs will take place on Tuesday March 19th from 3:15pm -7:30 pm. You will receive further information re: SSGs next week. If for some reason, you are not able to attend on the day, you are welcome to make alternate arrangements with your child’s class teacher.

Curriculum Day

Staff had opportunity to participate in professional learning to build their knowledge and skills to support your child at school last Friday. Teaching staff attended a PD on effective teaching of mathematics (number). It is great to see the implementation of new strategies learnt in classrooms this week.

Our focus in mathematics is counting and we have introduced **1,2,3 GO, Let’s get Counting** initiative this year. We were also successful in obtaining \$9000 grant from CASS foundation to support this initiative.

On the same day, Educational Support staff attended A Sensory Processing PD called "Traffic jam in my brain" an approach to challenges associated with Autism, ADHD, learning and behavioural differences, presented by international speaker, songwriter and Occupational Therapist Genevieve Jereb.

Staff will be applying their learning to support students to regulate themselves through movement and music.

Melbourne Maribyrnong Principals Network Meeting

Yesterday we hosted a meeting for all Principals in our area at the school. Kelly Botha presented an excellent overview of the school's programs, initiatives and achievements to other educational leaders of our community. We received many positive comments from our visitors as we presented the learning that students engage in at YSDS.

Seesaw App

Students and staff in all classrooms are now using Seesaw engagement platform regularly in their classrooms.

We are hoping to use this app to increase FAMILY ENGAGEMENT. We believe that using this platform for communication will make it make it easier to engage many families in their child's learning.

Parent information session has been organised for families to find out more about this app and how we aim to use it. Please see details below.

Tuesday 26th February

Morning and Afternoon sessions will be offered to families and run for approximately 30 minutes.

School Council Elections

I hope you have all received call for nomination letters on Monday. This year, there are two parent vacancies. **Nominations close on Monday 18th February.**

Please give consideration to nominating the position on the council. You may nominate yourself.

Research in the post NDIS environment

Monash University is conducting two studies to investigate the health, wellbeing, perspectives and support needs of parents in the NDIS environment.

The studies are important to better understand the needs of parents in order to better align services with family need. If you are a parent of a child or young person with a disability or developmental condition, you are warmly invited to participate by completing the short, anonymous online survey.

This project has ethics approval from Monash University and The Victorian Department of Education and Training.

Please follow the relevant link below for more information and to participate:

Mothers: <https://monash.azurewebsites.net/Forms/0JtDWbcfIO1T5EV>

Fathers: <https://monash.azurewebsites.net/Forms/erkpW0m0BO45gKp>

I have received a copy of the ethical approval certificates from the Department of Education and Training for this research.

Ashwini

EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY, EVERY DAY