Hi Everyone,

I am hoping families have purchased their tickets for the concert which is NEXT WEEK!!!! Tickets will be distributed this Friday. I am really excited the show is always very special with so many of our students showing hidden talents and enjoying the opportunity to shine.

RDA 2017

Senior Management had to make a decision about the future of RDA at Dandy Valley. The program is extra-curricular, very expensive and next year we will be cutting down our number of sessions from 3 to 2. This is due to limitations around staffing the program.

   This will mean reduced availability to our students. Because of this we are reviewing access to the program. From next year students will be able to access the program for a maximum of two years. After this time families will be provided with as much information as possible about alternative programs, for example there is an RDA program at Officer on a Saturday morning.

   There is an expression of interest form elsewhere in this newsletter for RDA in 2017. Preference will be given to students with only one year’s RDA experience or new riders. Students who have more experience will only get a place if there is one available.

Other Performances

A small group of our students performed with Fountain Gate Primary School in their production of ‘In Our Shoes’. The grade 5 students from Fountain Gate had written the show but our students stole it!

   On Tuesday night I was thrilled to attend the Fountain Gate Cluster Soiree. Again our band “The Drive Thruz” stole the show.

Looking forward to seeing you all next Friday at Rivergum Performing Arts Centre for Let’s Get Physical.

Sue.
**Junior School**

**Principal's Award**

**AWARDED TO**

Aliyah

Aliyah received her Principal's award for being Responsible by helping her classmates.

**PRINCIPAL**

Sue Chernishoff

Sivani received her award for being Respectful by using her voice & manners to ask for items.

Eric received his award for being Safe by entering the pool & completing Bash & Crash safely.

David received his award for being a Learner using his core board & speech to communicate his needs.

**Middle School**

Matthew received his award for being Responsible during morning circle time.

Lachlan received his Principal's award for being a Learner in the pool.

Hunter received his Principal's award for being Respectful in the artroom.

Salvatore received his Principal's award for Safely riding a two wheel bike.

**Transition**

Nicholas received his Principal's award for being Learner while on the City Camp.

Farida received her Principal's award for being Safe while on the City Camp.

Nathan received his Principal's award for being Responsible while on the City Camp.

Atoaga received his award for being Respectful while on the City Camp.
Sky received her Principal's award for Learning to do excellent work at school & in the band.

Januka received his Principal's award by being Responsible completing classroom jobs.

Jaxon received his Principal's award for being Respectful & well-mannered while in the aged care facility.

Riley received his Principal's award for being Respectful and a great team player at basketball.

Jordan received his award for being Safe in class & listening to instructions.

LITTLE TREASURES are:

Olivia - Rm 31, Hayley - Rm 4, Connor - Rm 30,
Miguel - Rm 18, Hunter - Rm 30, Mati - Rm 22.

Congratulations to all our Little Treasures as they continue to keep up their good work in Term 4.
Dandenong Valley SDS has successfully been involved with the Ridability Program at Myuna Farm in Doveton for many years. We have 2 sessions available on Monday mornings. (There are only 5 students in each group). Students are taken by school bus with two staff. Structured riding sessions are conducted under the supervision of nationally accredited RDA coaches with the assistance of trained volunteers.

The cost will be approximately $150 for yearly insurance and $120 per term.

Total for the year is $630.

Insurance and term 1 fees must be paid by Friday 9th December 2016 to the school before students can ride. RDA requires all fees to be paid prior to every term commencing. Please fill in the expression of interest form below if you would like your child to attend the 2017 horse riding program, and return it to school. I will then send home the relevant paperwork.

Thank you Kay Meyer. (RDA Coordinator.)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST- RIDING FOR THE DISABLED 2017

Name: _______________________________ Room Number: ______

I would like my son/daughter _______________________ To participate in the Rideability Program. I understand the cost will be approximately $630.00 for the year.

• This expression of interest is due Friday 4th November.

• You will be notified if you are successful.

• We are not accepting payment until offers are accepted.

Signature: ______________________________________
We are delighted to announce the beginning of a

**TRIPLE P** PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

at Dandenong Valley SDS.

Triple P Positive Parenting is an internationally researched and recognised parenting program. We have facilitators trained to deliver the *Stepping Stones* ‘Triple P’ Positive Parenting program designed especially for parents of children with disabilities aged 4-12. The program consists of nine weekly sessions aimed to address mild to moderate parenting challenges by both educating and supporting families. We have run programs in 2015 & 2016 and received very positive feedback from the families who participated.

*Please note that our ‘Triple P support group’ is only open to those families who have completed the “Stepping Stones” course with us in 2015 or 2016. You must have done the course with us in order to join this support group.*

Our goal is to offer ongoing support to families as they continue their parenting journey after completing the Triple P course. Children grow and change, as do families, and parenting is an ongoing process over many years.

*We look forward to supporting our ‘Triple P’ families with this new ‘support group’ component of our program.*

If you are finding parenting a challenge and would like some more information about our next ‘Stepping Stones’ course please contact Kate Jemison or Fiona Donald at school on 9704 4800. We’d be delighted to talk to you about our free 2017 program.
We are a not for profit group based in the Casey/Cardinia area. We run sporting activities and camps for children with special needs, such as Autism, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, CP, or just kids that are struggling to fit in socially.

What ages? We currently have participants aged 2 - 16

Who can attend? Any children with special needs, and their siblings. A parent/carer must attend with the children. It is NOT a respite service.

Where? Gym at Beaconhills College, Pakenham
Enter via Toomuc Valley Rd

Dates We meet Saturdays 1pm - 3pm
October 8th and 22nd
November 5th and 19th
December 3rd and 17th

We are an inclusive group, so come down and have a try. We give children an opportunity to try different sports they may not otherwise be able to. They can participate and be themselves without fear of judgement or ridicule. We encourage parents to get involved.

No bookings required. Free event, just turn up!

For more information call Doug 0439998520
sportismkids@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook
Sportism Kids
Halloween Night at Croc’s Playcentre Narre Warren

- Friday 28th October, from 5pm
- Best dress-up child wins a 10-entry pass to Croc’s Narre Warren
- Games on the night
- Normal kids’ admission prices apply
- Adults never pay for admission at Croc’s
- Café open – meals and drinks available

Reminders:
- Birthday Party bookings for October, November and December filling fast. Book now to avoid disappointment.
- Croc’s Narre Warren is a great excursion venue for kinders, early learning centres, primary schools (to Gr 3) and disabled groups
- Venue available for special hire after hours - Christmas and other seasonal parties, special celebrations, presentation evenings, big birthday parties, fundraisers and more
- If you have a school or kinder fete you would like to publicise on our internal screen, let John or Danielle know the details and we’ll help boost the crowd.

Croc’s Playcentre and Café Narre Warren
Casey Lifestyle Centre, 430 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren
(Next to Baby Bunting and 2 doors from JB Hi-Fi)
Telephone 9704 6560