Hi Everyone,

This will be our last newsletter for the year.

The last day that students attend school is Monday December 19th. School finishes on that day at 3pm. This means students will be arriving home at their normal time.

Reports and end of year documents will be distributed on Friday 16th. I am confident you will love our yearbook this year. It is another vibrant celebration of our students, school and programs. A big thank you to our school based editors Jenny and Joss!

Staff will be attending on Tuesday 20th to do classroom organisation and the final clean-up for 2016.

It is my great pleasure to announce the winner of our $100 movie voucher for filling in the Dandenong Valley parent opinion survey for 2016. We had a fabulous response and the winner is Sivani and her family.

Thanks to everyone who filled in our survey. Your responses will be discussed and used to inform how we can continue to improve in all we do.

In 2017 we will have 4 brand new classrooms with 4 of our oldest classrooms being taken away. We have to thank our neighbouring schools for again generously allowing our new buildings to encroach onto their land. The removal of our old buildings will create a small amount of open space for our students to play on.

Always at this time of the year we need to say goodbye to some staff. This year it is just two teachers who are leaving us to take up positions at other schools. Collette is off to Southern Autistic and Nicola is off to Yarrabah. We wish them both very well and thank them for their work here at Dandy Valley.

It has been another really busy year at school. We have achieved much, I find myself proud and happy to be part of this school community and very much looking forward to 2017.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday and if you believe in Christmas I hope you enjoy it.

Cheers Sue.
Junior School

Benjamin received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** walking through the school and stopping.

Oliver received his Principal’s award for being **Respectful** listening and participating in the O/T sessions.

Eric received his Principal’s award for **Safely** climbing over the ‘A Frame’ in PMP.

Jason received his award for **Learning** to sit at the table to do table top activities.

Middle School

Derrick received his award being **Responsible** by independently putting his lunchbox in his school bag.

Madison received her Principal’s award for **Respectfully** using speech to communicate clearly.

Jazper received his Principal’s award for **Safely** getting off the bus & walking to class in the morning.

Jamila received her award for **Learning** to use initiative requesting her wants & needs.

Keep Me Home If...

- I’m vomiting
- I have a rash, itchy or red
- I have diarrhoea
- I have an eye infection
- I have a sore throat
- I’m just not feeling very good
- I have a fever

Special Needs & Medically Fragile Children NEED you to KEEP your Sick Child Home

When Your Child is Sick: **Do Not Intentionally** Expose Them to Others
PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Senior School

Emily received her Principal's award for Learning to use improved English skills.

Shaylee received her award for being responsible showing increased independence & confidence at school.

Ahmet received his Principal's award for being Respectful participating in morning circle.

Matthew received his award for being Safe while on camp.

Vanessa received her Principal's award for responsibly and confidently expressing herself.

Rhiannon received her Principal's award for being a Learner during community access.

Jedd received his award for being Safe cleaning up after himself.

David received his Principal's award for being Respectful with other people's property.

LITTLE TREASURES are:

Paul - Rm 14, Merzine - Rm 16, Monica - Rm 27,
Jedd - Trans, Aroha - Trans, Mitchell - Trans.

Congratulations to all our Little Treasures as they continue to keep up their good work in Term 4.
SENIOR CAMP
ANGAHOOK
2016
Room 21 had an opportunity to bring stories such as ‘The Australian Hokey Pokey’ and ‘Somewhere In Australia’ to life by going to Healesville Sanctuary. Despite the rain we enjoyed seeing Koala’s, Emu’s and the birds of prey show.

We had a wonderful day!
Greetings from the Speech Team

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for their hard work and persistence with communication this year.
To our wonderful students, well done for all your hard work and effort. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

More tips for communication

* Use gestures, actions and demonstrations when you speak with your child. This may help them to understand what you are saying and gives them an example of a non-verbal message they can use themselves!

* Imitate your child’s sounds and actions. This is a great way to get an interaction going! It can encourage your child to notice you and even imitate you if they are ready.

* Put your child’s message into words. If they send you a message (reaching, pointing, looking, making a sound, etc.), put it into simple words what you think they are trying to tell you. (e.g. Child may point to the TV, “Do you want to watch the TV?”)

* Use Aided Language Displays (e.g. Visual schedules, PECS, Coreboard and Mealtime mats) to support your child’s communication at home (please let your child’s classroom teacher know if you need another copy for home).

* Model, Model, Modell Modelling will support your child’s language by providing them with examples on how to communicate (e.g. Pointing to ‘more’ on a Coreboard, or giving the child words to request ‘I want help’).

Happy Holidays!
After-Care is running School Holiday Program
For children with special needs aged from 6-18 yrs in January 2017.

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Many women live without one RECYCLE your BRA

In many regions second hand bras are cheap enough, but rarely available. A new bra, if available at all, can cost 10-30 hour’s wages.

Nursing mums everywhere leak. Bras allow the dignity of a dry shirt, and the comfort of support. Women and girls prefer to have a bra for social and work situations. A mastectomy bra offers privacy about the problem. Bras control breast swing when women bend to ground level to farm or cook.

In humid climates rashes, fungal infections and abscesses occur between the breast and the chest wall. Bras help by allowing air flow.

A girl with no underpants does not go to school when menstruating.

Since 2005, with help from Intimo and Rotary, Uplift Project has sent over a million bras to 11 Asia Pacific countries.

Uplift only sends bras when we have requests from local women’s groups.

DROP OFF BRAS HERE
Dandenong Valley SDS
19-21 Victoria Road Narre Warren
The bra she receives from Uplift Project is often the only bra that woman owns.

www.upliftbras.org
Who are we?
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

We meet Saturdays 1pm - 3pm

Dates
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!

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