Hi Everyone,

What a night!

I hope you all enjoyed the concert as much as I did (except for the part where I was the back end of the pantomime horse....very hot and uncomfortable). The students shone and the items were well rehearsed and very well planned.

* I thanked folk on the night but just in case you missed it:

* Thanks to all the wonderful staff who worked so hard, rehearsing the children, making sets and costumes and videos.

* Thanks to everyone who came to help on the night, many staff bring their own children to help, thanks especially to them.

* Thanks to Fiona and the organising committee.

* Thanks to our students for being such stars

AND

* Thanks to our families and friends for coming out to support our students. It was a wonderful evening!

Sue.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**TERM DATES 2016**

Term 4 3rd Oct. to 20th Dec.

Students finish NORMAL time 3 pm

**CURRICULUM DAYS 2016**

20th Dec. Last Day of School

**NOVEMBER**

21st-25th Book Fair

**DECEMBER**

1st Variety Club Christmas Party

13th House Colour Day

19th Students last day at school

20th End of Term Pupil Free Day

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**LITTLE TREASURES are:**

Minh Chau - Rm 24,  
Noorooa - Rm 27,  
James - Trans,

Mati - Rm 22,  
Levi - Trans,  
Olivia - Rm 31.

*Congratulations to all our Little Treasures as they continue to keep up their good work in Term 4.*
Junior School

Jaxson received his award for being a Learner confidently performing on stage.

David received his Principal’s award for being Responsible in the classroom & helping to tidy up.

Rebekah received her Principal’s award for being Respectful at horseriding.

Yasmin received her award for being Safe in the playground & wearing her helmet while riding a bike.

Middle School

Catherine received her Principal’s award for being a Learner participating in the concert.

Normax received his award for being Responsible at the concert.

Lachlan received his Principal’s award for being Respectful of others in the classroom.

Adam received his Principal’s award for being Safe at the concert.

Senior School

Dylan L. received his Principal’s award for being a Learner and using Pro Lo Quo2go.

James received his Principal’s award for being responsible showing increased independence & participation in the classroom.

Dylan D. received his Principal’s award for being Respectful participating in the school concert.

Monica received her award for being Safe participating in the school basketball team.
**OUR VICTORIOUS BASKETBALL TEAM**
**WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION**

The sign below is an example of signs available from 'automobility'. A company specialising in wheelchair accessibility & signage for motor vehicles.

These signs come in various formats and are self-adhesive. They adhere to the window of your car to facilitate the need for clearance and easier access for wheelchairs when in car parks etc.

For further enquiries please phone: **1800 662 454**

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**PLEASE DON'T PARK**
**WITHIN 2.5 METRES**

**WHEELCHAIR RAMP INSTALLED**
'Let's Get Physical'
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We have had a great year in Occupational Therapy

This year we have enjoyed focusing on social and emotional skills. We have continued to develop fun and meaningful resources to support student engagement and learning opportunities. This includes Social and Emotional programs tailored to students living with Intellectual Disabilities. In the programs we have targeted:

* Mindfulness
* Breathing (fun guided imagery and breathing exercises).
* Practising and promoting positive self-talk
* Sportsmanship
* Friendships
* Learning how to enjoy ‘slow time’ or sedentary occupations (supports positive coping mechanisms and independent student self-regulation skills).

For an example please see the table below. 

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Here are some photos of students having fun in the OT programs.
We Planted grass seed to grow our own grass heads.

We know what plants need to Grow.

We can identify the different parts of a plant.
Twilight Market

Harmony Square
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Thursday 8th December 2016

4PM - 9PM FREE ENTRY
Food & Market Stalls - Jumping Castle
Face Painting & much much more

(03) 9793 9766
www.facebook.com/events/1393960627311854
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

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