Hi everyone,

Hi, and a very warm welcome to term 2. We saw so many big smiles on the faces of our students who are happy to be back at school, one of the foundation parents told me that every day of the holidays her son tried to put his school uniform on to come to school!

This will be a much longer term than term 1 and the start of all our “winter woes”. Please be vigilant with the health of your child and keep sick children home.

I am very much looking forward to next week when we will have our house colour bike days. I will be representing green house and riding with the juniors on Tuesday and the seniors on Thursday! Sadly I am at a PD on Wednesday and won’t be able to join the Middle school, I wonder if Judy or Michael will take my place?

Cheers

Sue
Junior School

Harry received his Principal's award for being Responsible & walking with class holding onto the sensory train.

Christian received his Principal’s award for being a Learner completing his activity schedule.

Middle School

Connor received his award for being Responsible by using his activity schedule.

Sarah received her Principal’s award for being a Learner and jumping into the pool independently.

Sherry received her Principal’s award for being a Learner by using improved communication & sentence starter, ‘I want’

Senior School

Kayla received her award for being Respectful by helping her classmates with their routines.

Jayleb received his Principal’s award for being Responsible by participating in classroom programs.

Shannon received his Principal’s award for being Responsible by cleaning after himself.

Rachel received her Principal’s award for being Safe while climbing Mt Cannibal.

Anastasia received her Principal’s award for being a Learner washing her hair independently while on camp.

Benjamin received his award for being Safe listening to staff & following directions.

Taneesha received her Principal’s award for being Safe by walking from class to class.

Shannon received his Principal’s award for being Responsible by cleaning after himself.

Connor received his award for being Responsible by using his activity schedule.

Sarah received her Principal’s award for being a Learner and jumping into the pool independently.
are: Jayleb Rm. 22, David Rm. 20, Ryan Rm. 23, Miguel Rm 18, Vanessa Trans & Chinedu Rm. 22.

Congratulations to all our Little Treasures as they continue to keep up their good work in term 2.

Alpine 100 Bike Camp

During the last week of term 1, 6 senior students, Joss and Leonie went on Bike Camp with 15 other schools from all over Victoria.

James F, Nick D, Nick M, Elyas, Atoaga and Levi rode around Beechworth, Bright and Myrtleford. We rode 47km the first day, then 32km the second day of riding. Leonie, James, Nick D and Levi continued riding on the second day to complete the full 100km! Well done boys!

Congratulations to Nicholas D. for winning the ‘Woolcock Award’ for Dandenong Valley SDS, an award given to Nicholas for his determination, hard work and positive attitude throughout the whole camp.
FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS LIVING IN THE SOUTH

Find out more about opportunities for people with a disability

- Respite options
- Recreation and arts info
- A large variety of stalls
- Guest speakers: autism, caring for yourself, NDIS

Tuesday 19th April
10am - 2pm

Pakenham Hall
Cnr John Street & Henry Street, Pakenham

MELWAY REF: 317 E8

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Dandenong Valley
‘My Time’ Parent Group

Provides support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

Parents and Carers can:

- Meet informally with others in similar circumstances
- A chance to relax, have a chat and enjoy a cuppa
- Hear from others and share ideas and experiences
- Find out about resources and services available to families
- Get extra parenting information and skills development

Venue: Dandenong Valley SDS
Victoria Road
Narre Warren, 3805 (fortnightly)

Time:
Tuesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm

12th April
Thermal Mix demonstration

26th April
General catch up

10th May
Alfred Health

24th May
State Trustees

7th June
General catch-up

For enquiries please call Lynne Wood 0418 480 166
Coffee afternoons for parents who have a child with Down syndrome.

Come along and relax with a cuppa and chat with other parents.

Children welcome.

Taking place the first Wednesday of every month, except during school holidays. From 1.00 - 2.30pm

2016 dates:

13 April
4 May
1 June
13 July
3 August
7 September
5 October
2 November
7 December

Mentone Baptist Church
36 Harpley St Cheltenham
(Cnr Warrigal Rd and Harpley St)
Melway reference 87 B4

To RSVP or for more info, contact parent facilitator Valerie on 0409 850 191, or contact the MOIRA Parent Support Officer on 8552 2222/communitysupport@moira.org.au
11 am ‘NDIS’

**Presented by:** Program for Children with a disability (ACD)

**Speaker:** Di McCarthy (Manager, ACD support)

Di McCarthy has worked for ACD for over 16 years empowering families with children with a disability to lead full lives through provision of information, support and advocacy.

**Program:** 10 am - 2 pm: Di will be available for questions throughout the day.

11 am: Di will speak about the NDIS, followed by Q&A time.

Topics covered include: *What is NDIS.*  *Tips for getting NDIS ready.*  *Where do I start.*

12 pm ‘LIVING WITH AUTISM’

**Presented by:** Anglicare Victoria

**Speaker:** Joanne Templeton (Parent resource co-ordinator)

Joanne is a Disability Specialist who will speak about the ‘Living with Autism’ program run through Parentzone, Anglicare.

Joanne has worked in the field of ADS for the past 8 years and currently facilitates programs for families in the Southern Region.

**Program:** 10 am - 2 pm: ‘Living with Autism’ Joanne will be available throughout the day to talk to families about the program and answer any questions.

12 pm: ‘Living with Autism’ Joanne will hold interactive sessions with group discussion and feedback on the following: *How ADS can impact the family.*  *Building on strengths of our children.*  *Where to go for information, support and advice.*

1 pm ‘CARING FOR THE CARER’

**Presented by:** Carers Victoria

**Speakers:** Meredith Butler & Kamala Aberhart.

Meredith and Kamala are Carer and Community Education Officers in the Education Services team at Carers Victoria.

**Program:** 10 am-1 pm: ‘Finding creative ways to take a break’ Meredith and Kamala will provide opportunities for carers to ask questions and participate in activities at a table under the heading ‘Finding creative ways to take a break’.

1 pm ‘Caring for the Carer’ Meredith and Kamala will present 20-25 minutes on ‘Caring for the Carer’.
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