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Dear Parents and Carers, Namaste, Selamat siang, Xin Chao, 你好 Bonjour, Guten Tag, Mahlaba, Ciao, Kia Ora

Things got spooky at Niddrie this week with lots of the students and staff getting into the fun and dressing up for Halloween. Students enjoyed gathering treats from fellow classes and participating in a parade and dance party.





We had this year's final pool sessions for our youngest swimmers last week and were delighted with the progress so many children made in building their water confidence and moving safely through the water. Some children also practiced safe entry, floating and propelling themselves through the water with flotation devices such as kickboards and water noodles.

It's hard to believe that it's already November and only seven weeks until the end of Term 4. We will be holding end of year concerts on Tuesday 18th December this year so please put that date in your diaries. Times for each Section's concerts will be advised in our next newsletter.

We hope that all of our families have an opportunity to turn off their alarm clocks and spend some relaxed time together over the coming long weekend.

Warmest Regards,

Liz Richardson Campus Principal

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STUDENT FREE DAYS

Monday 5th November 2018– Curriculum Day Tuesday 6th November 2018-Melbourne Cup Day Please do not send your child/chiildren to school on these days.

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Tuesday 20th November 2018

Universal Children's Day is observed as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children.

Organisation: United Nations National/State: International Website: <u>www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/</u>



TERM DATES AND WHAT'S ON

- Curriculum Day Monday 5th November No students are required at school.
- Public Holiday Tuesday 6th November No students are required at school
- School Concert Day-Tuesday 18th December
- School ends Friday 21st December.

NDIS APPLICATIONS

As information circulates about NDIS the school often receives queries about what they might be able to provide in support of applications.

Western Autistic School staff are not able to provide any individual reports for students regarding eligibility for NDIS or NDIS goals. However, we can provide photocopies of your child's regular school reports and/or assessment reports that are kept on file, that were submitted as part of your child's eligibility for enrolment at WAS.

NDIS: GETTING PLAN READY

Footscray Library, 56 Paisley St Footscray Thursday 15th November 2018 10.30 – 12pm and 1.30 – 3.00pm

Airport West, Ratcliff Hall , 1A South Rd Airport West Tuesday, 20th November 2018 10.30 – 12pm and 1.30 – 3.00pm



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Deer Park, 50 Station Road Deer Park Friday 16th November 2018 10.30 – 12pm and 1.00pm – 2.30pm

Getting Plan Ready Sessions assist people with disability and their families to get ready for their first planning conversations and will cover topics such as:

What will I be asked avout in my first NDIS Planning conversation? What isan NDIS Goal? Who helps me to make my NDIS Plan? Who makes decisions about whatis funded in my NDIS Plan?

For further information contact : vicwestengagement@ndis.gov.au

ADVENTURES ARE US – HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Adventures Are Us is a community-based program operated by the Council, offering fun, age-appropriate and accessible activities.

The program is available to Moonee Valley children aged five to 12 years who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

When: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 3.pm for two weeks of the Victorian school holidays.

Where: The program commences each day at Western Autistic School Niddrie Campus, corner of Garnet and Teague Streets, Niddrie, before embarking on a community based outing.

Cost: Moonee Valley residents \$20.00 per day.

An assessment is required to confirm eligibility prior to attendance. For more information or to book an assessment please contact Council's Intake Officer on 9243 8806

The program operates for three weeks of the summer school holidays.



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WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

is a world-class magic and comedy live theatre production.

Created and performed by internationally recognised magician, Michael Boyd, and comedian, Marty Putz.

Kids will revel in its youthful style of physical comedy, and be enthralled with cutting edge illusions and dramatic presentations of classic magic acts from ages past. This show is fun and enjoyable for the whole family.

Thanks to the generous support & sponsorship from the business communities of the City of Greater Melbourne, Tickets are COMPLIMENTARY for children with disabilities, severe & chronic physical & mental illnesses, and for children in less fortunate & vulnerable circumstances.

When: Sunday 25th November 2018 @ 11am & 2pm Where: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (Plenary Hall)1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC

Please let Reception know if you wish to book tickets by Friday 16th November 2018.



