



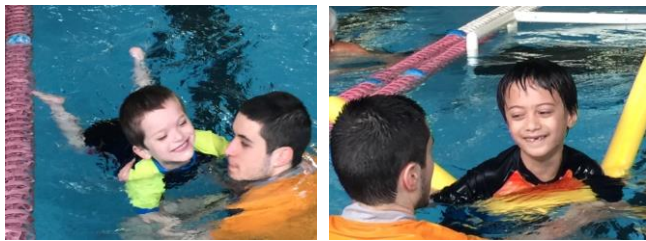
PARENT BULLETIN

WESTERN AUTISTIC SCHOOL

18 OCTOBER 2018 NIDDRIE
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Dear Parents and Carers, Namaste, Selamat siang, Xin Chao, 你好 Bonjour, Guten Tag, Mahlaba, Ciao, Kia Ora
Welcome to term 4 and this edition of the bulletin.

Despite some sleepy faces as a result of the change to daylight savings time we have had a great start to the school term and are looking forward to a busy term. Our youngest groups have commenced swimming and have been enjoying their time in the water with support from the lovely swimming staff at Windy Hill and their regular classroom staff.



Many of the students who are moving to primary school full time next year have begun to attend full days at their primary school and are becoming familiar and confident with the new expectations and opportunities that entails.

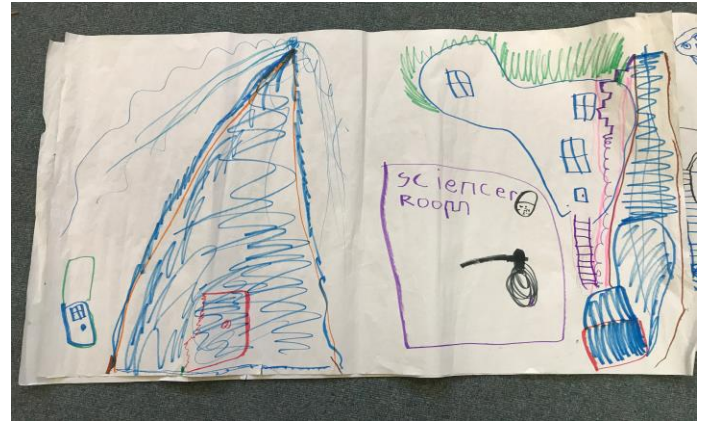
Later in the term we anticipate that we will receive visits from specialist school staff for children exiting the school. We look forward to working in collaboration with all the specialist schools to support their orientation processes for all of our departing students.

Warmest Regards,

Liz Richardson
Campus Principal

BEN ANNOUNCES GUYMER BAILEY ARCHITECTS FOR THE NIDDRIE NEW SCHOOL

On the last Friday of Term 3, Ben Carroll MP and Minister for Trade and Employment, Alex Artavilla from the South West Victoria Regional Office, and the architects visited Niddrie to announce that Guymer Bailey are the architects for redevelopment of the Niddrie Campus. The delegation visited 7A and the students showed Ben drawings of what they wanted in their new school! Here is a charming drawing of one of the students.



Thank you to the parents who joined the meeting and gave their views on what is needed in the new school. We are very excited about the project.

Guymer Bailey understand the specialised nature of this project, given the unique needs of students and teachers at an early years autism specific school. For example (and this is just one of many), many of our students have acoustic (and other sensory) processing problems, and hence require learning environments which are built in ways which are sensitive to their capacities. Hence, a design which may be adequate in a mainstream school can be extremely problematic for us. We are very confident that we can count on working with the project architects to provide them with the information they need to design a school that will meet the needs of our students and teachers as was done successfully in the design and build of the WAS Laverton campus.

Schools need strong local members like Ben. It is rare for politicians to get thanks and parents may wish to ring or send an email to thank Ben and Emily. His email is ben.carroll@parliament and his office phone is 9379 5879.





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TERM DATES AND WHAT'S ON

- Swimming Program for 2A, 3A, 5A, 4B & 5B
- 16/17/18 & 23/24/25th October
- Wednesday 31 October- Dress up day, more details to follow
- Curriculum Day Monday 5th November
No students are required at school.
- Public Holiday Tuesday 6th November
No students are required at school
- 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

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 about in my first NDIS Planning conversation? What is an NDIS Goal? Who helps me to make my NDIS Plan? Who makes decisions about what is funded in my NDIS Plan?

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

CARERS : THANK YOU EVENT 2018



Do you care for someone with a disability?

Moonee Valley Mayor Cr John Sipek and fellow Councillors invite you and a guest to a three-course dinner to recognize the valuable contribution of carers. To coincide with National Carers Week 2018, this event will have a range of exciting entertainment throughout the evening.

We hope you can join us for this event, as we recognize the positive impact carers make in our community. To support carers to attend this event, respite is available for the person you care for.

When: Thursday, 18th October, 6pm-10pm

Where: Ascot House Receptions,
50 Fenton Street Ascote Vale

Cost: Free

Please register to attend at mvcc.vic.gov.au/carersevent, or email disability@mvcc.vic.gov.au or call 9243 1036.

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.