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Our Values are to be...

# Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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Yarraville Festival	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Meet the staff evening	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
School Council Meeting	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
SSG Meeting Afternoon	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
School Council Meeting	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
End of Term 1	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
First Day of Term 2 for Students	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the school year at Yarraville SDS. Students have made a great start to the year with many of them being very excited to be back. Watching the students and staff greet each other after the holidays was very heart warming. It was also a delight to see students actively engaged in their work in classrooms and to see many of them in their uniforms.

This term we will continue to encourage students to wear their uniforms to school and a hat when outside.

Our staff is planning a year of learning experiences that will provide the best outcomes for your child. Over the holidays, there has also been some work done on improving the buildings. We now have a meeting room in the admin area and the sensory room looks amazing. The new buildings are not ready for occupation yet but we are looking forward to seeing our senior students in there soon.

I look forward to working with the school community to deliver excellent learning outcomes for the students. I am pleased to announce that Davina D’Menzie will be taking the position of an acting Assistant Principal this year. Kelly Botha will be taking the role of Gold Learning Area Leader and Tim Witcombe will be taking the role of Green Learning Area Leader. I welcome Tim to the school’s leadership team.

We also welcome the following staff to Yarraville SDS:

Timothy Fegan- Teacher Room 9

Pamela O’Sullivan- Teacher Room 5

Daniela Ketsakidia- ES Room 3

Mary Embeslidis- ES Room 2

I wish the excellent staff of Yarraville SDS well in enabling your child/ children to achieve the best they can.

## Student Valuables

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. I am asking parents to discourage students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Your cooperation in ensuring that this occurs is appreciated.

Please also be reminded that the Department of Education and Training Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

## Meet the Staff Evening - save the date

We will be holding a Meet the Staff Evening on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with staff members who work closely with your child. We hope to see many of you joining us on the evening.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic year ahead.

Regards,

Ashwini



**OUR NEW SENSORY ROOM**



Our senior students have been busy making beautiful  
**floral arrangements and flower pens**