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Our Values are to be...

Safe, Respectful, Responsible

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Parents Morning Meeting All carers and parents welcome at Alfa Café in Seddon	Sunday 19 th March 2017
School Council Annual General Meeting	Tuesday 28 th March 2017
End of Term 1	Friday 31 st March 2017
First Day of Term 2 for Students	Tuesday 18 th April 2017

Dear parents and carers,

We have been very fortunate to have Honourable Wade Noonan, State Member for Williamstown, visit our school this morning. Our students welcomed Mr Noonan by presenting him with a piece of artwork created by students.

Morning tea for our Vietnamese families

Our first morning tea for Vietnamese families was an absolute success. We had representation from seven families and the feedback I have received is that families enjoyed the interactions amongst themselves and with staff. They particularly appreciated the opportunity to hear about the school structure, the teaching and learning priorities including the use of technology and ask questions. Thank you to Yarrville Community Centre for supporting this initiative. I also wish to thank Hannah, our organiser, and Sally Ann, Tim and Lara for their presentations. A special thanks to Cam from Yarrville Community Centre for her superb translating.



Student support group meetings

What a great turnout we had for the Student support group meetings this week. We appreciate your input into prioritising learning goals for your child and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child/young adult achieve their goals.

Coffee morning for parents/carers

Don't forget to join parents and carers of YSDS students on Sunday 19th March for coffee and chat at Alfa café in Seddon. Parents/carers will be meeting at 10 am and you may bring your child/children along.

Annual General meeting for school council

The school council is the key governing body of the school. We are holding the Annual General meeting for School Council on Tuesday March 28th at 6:00 pm at the school. At the AGM, we will elect School Council members and office bearers. All are welcome to attend the school's AGM and we look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

Funky Hair Day

The Green Learning Area celebrated Funky Hair/Hat day with an amazing parade in the playground. It was lovely to see students with a variety of hair styles, hair colours and hats. What fun that was!

Assembly

We will be holding a whole school assembly on the last day of school, Friday March 31st at 2:00 pm. The assembly will be held in the hall (sports room) and students will be dismissed from there at 2:30 pm. Please note that **school dismissal time for Friday March 31st will be 2:30 pm.**

Regards,
Ashwini

Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day

Message from Assistant Principal

ILP and Reporting Formats

We are mandated to follow the Victorian Curriculum (Towards Foundation Level Victorian Curriculum). It focuses on progressing students from a pre-intentional to intentional engagement in learning. It supports students to develop their independence as they explore, participate and engage in the world around them. As students' progress through these levels, the amount of support decreases as they proceed towards becoming independent learners. The Victorian Curriculum includes:

English	Speaking and Listening Reading and Viewing Writing
Maths	Number and Algebra Measurement and Geometry Statistics and Probability
Health and Physical Education	Personal, Social and Community Health Movement and Physical Activity (Specialist)
The Arts	Visual Arts (Specialist)
Personal and Social Capabilities	Social Awareness and Management Self-Awareness and Management
Technologies	Digital Technologies
Science	Science Understanding
Humanities	History OR Geography

With the introduction of the new Victorian Curriculum, we have altered the format of both, the ILP and the mid-year and end of year reports. The ILP states the learning goal for each learning area of the curriculum. These changes will ensure that the ILP goals have a sharper focus and target a specific skill. As students achieve their goals, new goals will be set and the updated ILP will be sent home with their mid-year reports.

Regards,