Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,
Namaste, Hola, Kia Ora, Chao Chi, Yasou

Welcome back to Term Three. It is great to see the children happy to be back at school with their teachers and classmates and into the school routine again. We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting things happening in and around the school. Below is advance notice of some of the activities coming up at school this term.

FOPA, the Festival of Performing Arts and FOVA, the Festival of Visual Arts both happen in August. This is the third year that we have participated in the FOPA organised by Carranballac College. The children are working on an original performance they have devised. All will be revealed in coming bulletins including the details of the venue and ticketing for FOPA and FOVA. There will also be an ART show at Niddrie campus late term 3. The ART show is being organised by parents as a school community event and as a fundraiser. Again, there will be more information in future bulletins.

Book Week is also in August, from the 20th- 27th, and celebrates outstanding books for children. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The students will again help decide on book week activities to celebrate book week at WAS.

The series “Spotlight on the teaching teams” at WAS continues in the bulletin this term and next.

Mary Thomson
Principal

Parent Activities and Events

Bringing Up Great Kids is a free six-week program for parents and carers run by the Salvation Army. There is a program flyer on our school website.

When: Tuesday, 9.30am-11am August 2 – September 6 2016
Where: Laverton P-12 College Staff Room 91 Bladin Avenue, Laverton
Margi Itsines, Social Worker, is available to attend this program with WAS families, or can provide information for families on what the program covers.
To register please email, text or call Angela Clark on 0475 976 071 or angela.clark@aus.salvationarmy.org.au

My Time parent peer support groups
There are My Time groups in Avondale Heights, Sunshine, Point Cook and Williamstown. Please find information about locations and days of the groups run by Tweddle in the west on the school website.

Circus Quirkus Free Tickets
Thanks to all our 2016 sponsors, the Rotary Club of Preston is proud to present our annual “CIRCUS QUIRKUS”. This sponsored event is for the entertainment of Special Needs & Disadvantaged Children and their Carers/Families throughout Melbourne & has been paid for by local businesses so you can enjoy the show completely FREE! There will be a limit of 6 tickets per family.
Where: Melbourne Convention Centre, Plenary Hall 1, Convention Centre Place, South Wharf Melb.
Date: SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2016
Times: 11:00am, 2:00pm and 5:00pm
RSVP by Friday 18/07/16 to western.autistic.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9097 2000 or communication book
Information required: child full name, class details, contact number, contact person, session preference and number of tickets.

Transition to Mainstream School

Parent Information Session
Topic: Transition to Mainstream Schools Information, Question and Answer.
Date: Tuesday 26th July
Time: 1.30 pm -2.30 pm
Where: Laverton Campus, Burnley Street Laverton
ATI Lecture room, enter via reception.
Presenters: Laverton Campus Assistant Principals - Michelle Sanders and Sam Hindes
Parents from each campus can attend, it will provide parents with information about the process of transition to a Mainstream School and includes question time.

**Transition to Special Schools Parent Information Session**
*Topic:* Transition to Special Schools Information, Question and Answer.
*Date:* Friday 5th August
*Time:* 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
*Where:* Laverton Campus, Burnley Street Laverton ATI Lecture room, enter via reception.

Presenters: Laverton Campus Assistant Principals - Michelle Sanders and Sam Hindes
Parents from each campus can attend, it will provide parents with information about the process of transition to a Mainstream School and includes question time.

**Jennings Street Prospective Families Parent Information Sessions**
To be conducted at Jennings Street School on the following date;
Tuesday 19th July 10am, Wednesday 20th July 6pm and Wednesday 27th July 1pm
For administrative purposes it would be greatly appreciates if families make contact with Jennings Street School on 9360 9322 to confirm their attendance at a specific session.

**Spotlight on Teaching Teams Room 5A**
**Helen, Helen, Champi & Meredith**
The children and staff in Rm 5A start the day with a cooking session where we make chocolate cupcakes. We poured, stirred and measured ingredients and then tasted our creations at afternoon tea.
We also enjoyed several sunny afternoons by going for a local walk, holding hands and learning some road safety rules such as stopping at the curb. During Art we created rain clouds and marble paintings.

**Room 1.9**
**Fatma, Kim, Alison & Mariette**
In Room 1.9 at Laverton we have been reading ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ written and illustrated by Eric Carle. The students have enjoyed listening to the story about The Very Hungry Caterpillar who eats his way through a variety of food, forms a cocoon and becomes a butterfly. We have incorporated our lessons around the story during our Literacy, Cooking and Art sessions.
During Art students have been requesting to use a variety of materials such as crepe paper and glitter to make a collage of ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’. During Literacy sessions students have been matching pictures to the words from the book. The students have also completed a book, recalling the sequence of events from the story by cutting and pasting words to complete a sentence.
We have also used a variety fruit that have been used in the story such as an apple and pear. The students in 1.9 have enjoyed making their own caterpillars using the fruit they had during our cooking session.
During Term 3 we are planning to go on walks out in the community and out shopping to buy ingredients for our cooking sessions. We have been practising to walk safely around the school environment by holding hands and walking closely with the class. We have also been following instructions such as ‘Stop’ and ‘Go’ from the teachers when walking in the school.

**Room 2.1**
**Nory, Cathy, Sharon, Charmaine & Rita**
Our class in Room 2.1 is a busy bunch of active boys. We keep ourselves busy in the morning starting with a short group exercise. We like watching and following movements in the Pop See Ko song. Sometimes we also watch and follow movements from the ABC Gummy Bear song. Then we do fine motor activities to help us get ready for our writing and counting work. We love listening to song books. The Lion Sleep Tonight story is our favourite.
Last term we did work about “me”. We focused on our face. We did cut and paste of eyes, nose, ears and mouth. We also tried labelling them. We coloured paper glasses and put it on our photo. We also made faces of clowns during play doh sessions. We looked at our faces on a mirror and talked about the colour of our hair and eyes. This term we will focus on the story of The Ginger Bread Man. We hope to learn more about words and numbers as we also work in improving our listening and communication skills. Our teachers say we need to also learn more about playing and sharing toys with our friends.