Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to this edition of the parent bulletin and to the new school term.

A warm welcome to the children who have started school at Western this term and to their families. We look forward to meeting you at school events this term.

It has been an eventful start to the school term. As many of you will be aware, regrettably there were some serious problems with the bus transport on the first day of term two. These included long waiting times for the children to arrive at their pick up points and problems with communications between the parents, school and bus company. Please know that the school staff are working untiringly with the bus company to overcome these problems. Representatives of the bus company met with us at Laverton on Tuesday to discuss how we could ensure that the problems do not reoccur. The bus mobile contact numbers are now on the school website for easy access, and a there is now an emergency out of school hours number for parents to call regarding bus transport concerns.

On behalf of the school may I sincerely apologise for the stress and worry caused this week to the children and families as a result of the problems with the bus runs.

Curriculum Day 22nd April, 2015

A reminder that the school has a Curriculum Day next Wednesday. The children do not come to school on Wednesday the 22nd April. The staff have Professional Learning meetings that day.

Lưu ý: Các em học sinh sẽ được nghỉ vào Thứ Tư 22/4/2015.
Parent Activities and Events

_Harmony Day Celebrations at Laverton this term_

Don’t forget about the Harmony Day celebrations being held at Laverton. All families are welcome to attend the celebration of our cultural diversity.

- Yellow Pod Families: 17th April 10:30am – 1130am
- Blue Pod Families: 20th April 10:30am – 1130am
- Red Pod Families: 23rd April 10:30am – 1130am

_Harmony Day_

Parent Group Sessions hosted by Margaret and Jacqueline will continue next term.

Grief and Loss continues on Tuesday 28th April, 2015

This is a nice safe place to learn more about the concepts of depression, anxiety and other mental health issues and an opportunity to talk about strategies and learn some new approaches for managing these conditions.

These sessions are at Laverton from 10:30am – 1:00pm, there is no charge for babysitting.

Anger workshops for parents continue on Monday April 20th, 2015.

This is an opportunity to talk about strategies, learn some new approaches for managing and expressing anger all in a safe group environment. These sessions are being run at Niddrie from 10:30am – 1:00pm. There is no charge and childcare is available.

If your require any further information please contact Margaret Itsines or Jacqueline Nixon on 9097 2000 or itsines.margaret.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

_The Missing Piece Charity Walk_

Date: April 19th 10:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Cherry Lake, Altona

The Missing Piece welcomes all to join us to help raise Autism awareness and the importance of physical activity. All funds raised will go to AMAZE to help those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information or to register go www.tsapd.com.au or phone 0411 848 592.

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_Thông báo_

Trường Western Autistic School (WAS) sẽ tổ chức phiên họp phổ biến thông tin về quỹ phụ huynh tai hai cơ sở Laverton và Niddrie như sau:

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Trong cả hai phiên họp sẽ có phiên dịch tiếng Việt phục vụ quý vị.

Xin quý vị vui lòng đến sớm trước giờ họp để dễ tìm chỗ đậu xe.

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_Events and Services of possible interest for families_

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