Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Namaste, Hola, Kia Ora, Chao Chi, Yasou

The term seems to be passing by incredibly quickly and it is hard to believe that we have passed the half way mark! The weeks have been very busy with school tours for 2017 families seeking enrolment. We have also had a number of visiting schools, coming in to meet children who will be transitioning in Term 4. Staff and students have enjoyed exercising their Olympic spirit over the past few weeks and are now turning their thoughts to Book Week. We are looking forward to exploring literature, preparing for the Flying Bookworm Theatre visit and Book Week dress-up day.

Warmest Regards
Liz Richardson, Campus Principal - Niddrie

Book Week
On Monday 22nd to 26th August, Niddrie Campus will be celebrating Book Week. We will be participating in many book themed activities throughout the week. On Tuesday 23rd August, we will be having a favourite book character “Dress up Parade”. We look forward to seeing all the students dressed up & participating in the Parade.

Kind regards,
Josie Di Natale.

Curriculum Day this term
On Friday the 9th of September staff have a full day of professional development. There will be no school for the children on that day. The staff will focus on the Victorian Curriculum that we will implement at WAS from the start of 2017.

Father’s day stall
The stall will be held in the conference room on Thursday 1st September in the morning for Laverton and afternoon for Niddrie. Items will be available for fathers and grandfathers from $5.00 to $10.00. If your child would like to purchase something from the gift stall please send money in a marked envelope, either before or on the day. We would like to thank the Gath family in advance for this kind service they provide to the school community and are sure there will be many lovely gifts for children to choose from.

Niddrie Parent Committee Update
Father’s Day ‘Movie Night’ Thursday 1st September @ 6pm
A movie and games night for WAS students and their special people to come and celebrate Father’s Day. Group social games will start at 6pm with a short movie commencing @ 6.30pm. Light snacks and refreshment will be provided. Cost is $5 per family and is payable on the night. A special invitation is also coming home with your child.

‘The World through our Eyes’ students Art Show
When: Thursday 15th September @ 5.30pm
A showcase of our student’s special talents and a celebration of their unique perspective. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend.
Time: 5.30-7.00pm
Where: Multipurpose Room WAS Niddrie Campus
Details: $5 entry per family (Light snacks, refreshments and entertainment provided) Student’s artwork can be purchased at for a gold coin donation & a raffle will also be run.

Looking for Support and Donations of Raffle Prizes and Materials:
Anyone who is able to support on the night or in the form of raffle donations, materials (large cardboard
Spotlight on Teaching Teams

Room 2B
The students of 2B have really gotten into the Olympic Spirit. The Jumping Castle was a highlight last week for staff and students. We have been doing an Olympic theme in Art. We made the Olympic rings and torches. It was fun parading around the playground holding our Olympic torches up high.

Next week is Book Week we are looking at activities around ‘I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.’ One activity will be acting out the story with the help of our Interactive Whiteboard. On Friday next week we are having a visiting theatre group who are going to perform this and other stories. Paul, Judy, Aldona, Nicole and Laura

Planets and Our Solar System- 4A.
Room 4A has been working on the theme “Planets”. We have been looking at nonfiction books to find lots of information. We even went to the Planetarium. Finding out all about the planets is lots of fun.

Parent Activities and Events
Free two day workshop for parents and careers
Positive Partnerships are hosting two day workshops.
The workshops intend to: increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning, introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your young person, explore ways to work in partnership with your school, etc.

Werribee Workshop
Where: Werribee Racing Club, 2-10 Bulban Road
When: Tues 30 & Wed 31 Aug, 9:15 - 3:00pm

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.

Are you the grandparent of a child or young person with Autism?
We acknowledge the contribution of grandparents, when one or more children with Autism are part of the family.
If you would like to know more about Autism, and the research undertaken at the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre, we invite you to attend a FREE event. You will hear from our researchers and be able to ask questions.
Friday 9th September
Morning tea from 9.30am, Event runs 10am - 12pm
The Chamber, John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Bundoora
RSVP: Friday 26th August 2016
Telephone: 03 9479 3271

Parliamentary Inquiry into Services for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder
A series of Public Hearing begin on Monday 29 August 2016.
Time: 9:15am - 4:15pm.
Where: 55 St Andrews Place East Melbourne, Room G7.
A list of witnesses will be posted on the parliament website www.parliament.vic.gov.au
Members of the public are welcome to watch the hearing. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before the start of the hearing to allow time to go through security. The Committee will hold a number of hearings in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Details of further public hearings will be posted on the parliament website.

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Did you know a #VIC teacher is on the Aussie Olympic water polo team? Good luck Mr Stanton & all the athletes in Rio http://bit.ly/2b7H2Vi