Welcome to this edition of the bulletin.
Third term has quickly come to a close. Today is the last day of term and the start of a two week break.
A reminder that school reopens on the 5th October, 2015.

In this bulletin is information on recent federal and state government announcements and school news.

**National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**
Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Premier Daniel Andrews signed an agreement this week to roll out the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Victoria.
The NDIS will be rolled out across Victoria over the next three years including:
From July 2016: North East Melbourne including Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Yarra local council areas.
From January 2017: Central Highlands
From May 2017: Greater Bendigo

With the rest of the state to follow after.
The Government has stated that young children under the age of six will receive priority help in recognition of the developmental needs of young children.

AMAZE the peak body for ASD in Victoria says that "With over 40% of people currently accessing NDIS services on the autism spectrum, AMAZE is committed to ensuring the NDIS will meet the needs of people living on the autism spectrum and will be working with the Government to achieve this". More information is available on the AMAZE website. You can also check out the AMAZE online calendar of activities and events for the school holidays. Go to [www.amaze.org.au](http://www.amaze.org.au)

**Department of Education Education State reforms.**

**What is the Education State?**
On Monday 14 September, the Victorian Government announced a series of landmark reforms to build and define Victoria as the Education State. Next year all government schools – including ours – will receive extra needs-based funding to better respond to every student’s needs.

The children have enjoyed their camps this term. A big thank you to Simon Williamson, Michael Gay Renea Thomson and Stella Severs for coordinating the camps program, and to all the wonderful staff who attend camp to support the children to feel safe away from home to practice their independence and have fun!

A big thank you to past parents Kannika and Fred Gath
For the past 10 years Kannika and Fred Gath have arranged the Mothers and Father’s day stall at both Niddrie and Laverton campuses to offer the children a chance to purchase a gift for their mums, dads, grandparents and carers. The Gath children, Michael now 15 and Alex 12, attended our school in the past. We can’t thank Kannika and Fred enough for their time, generosity and ongoing support of our school. The proceeds from this year’s stalls they have asked be spent on professional learning for staff.

We wish you all a safe and happy school break and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Mary Thomson
Principal
Camp
Rooms 3.1 and 3.4 have had a wonderful time on the school camp in Port Arlington. We packed our bags and headed to Rippleside Park in Geelong where the students had great fun exploring the labyrinth of stairs, tunnels slides and swings before heading to Jirrahlinga Wildlife Park. The staff generously introduced us to a baby Koala, Ring Tailed Possum and Shingleback Lizard they were caring for. The kids were excited to see the camp house and their bedrooms and after a glorious walk along Pt Arlington beach everyone was ready for their fish and chips and a good night’s sleep. On Thursday we travelled to Queenscliff Ferry Terminal and climbed the tower before walking out on the pier and along the beach. All the students enjoyed exploring the beach and surrounds and were very relaxed and tired on the bus ride back to school.

Disco Day
A disco day was held on Tuesday 15th September at the Laverton campus to celebrate the end of term. Students from all pods enjoyed music and dancing and everyone had a great time! Students and staff dressed up in disco gear and danced to the latest hits!

Events of Possible Interest for Families

The “World Festival of Magic” show is spectacular family entertainment, starring internationally acclaimed Australian magician Michael Boyd, whose mastery of “Grand Illusion” will amaze and astound audiences of all ages! Michael will be supported by the extraordinary artist JETON-The Gentleman Juggler – performing balancing acts seen nowhere else in the world!

Where: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
When: Saturday 21st November 11.00am & 2.00pm

Please send back the separate Magic Show notice if you would like tickets to the show or contact Sandra on 9097 2000 for more information.

Have your say!
The Government’s review of the Program for Students with Disabilities.
The Victorian Government is currently reviewing the Program for Students with a Disability (PSD). The aim is to identify if it is meeting the specific needs of students with autism.

Amaze can offer some assistance in making a submission through a the online survey by calling 03 9637 1600 or by email to info@amaze.org.au

CFA Visit at Niddrie
On Tuesday 15th September, Niddrie Campus had a special visit from our local Metropolitan Fire Brigade. The students had an opportunity to take a closer look at the fire truck and how it works. Students had hands on experience using fire hoses, listening to the sirens and turning on the lights. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all who attended.
The MFB often visit schools to help remind us all about the importance of fire safety and their commitment to making our community fire safe. The MFB also asked to remind our families that a fire plan is important and that all homes should have a working smoke alarms.