Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Namaste, Hola, Kia Ora, Chao Chi, Yasou

Welcome to term 4, we hope you had an enjoyable term break with your children. It was lovely to see so many happy faces greet us on Monday.

The year is passing by very quickly and we are underway with planning for 2017 as well as organizing a range of co-curricular and educational programs for Term 4.

This term all of the Niddrie groups will be accessing swimming and we look forward to hearing about their exploration and successes in the pool. We also have camp planned for late November and early December for many of our third and fourth year students.

Warm Regards
Liz Richardson
Campus Principal - Niddrie

Swimming & Water Awareness in Term 4
This term we will be offering a swimming program for all Niddrie students that focus on developing water awareness and safety skills. Lessons will held at Ascot Vale Leisure Centre and will be run by a qualified swimming instructor with support from Western staff.

This year we will be running three day consecutive day sessions, in two week blocks, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The cost will be $45 for the six sessions. Please take note of the dates that your child’s class will be attending:

Rooms 4A, 6A, 6B, 7B
- Week 3: October 18, 19, 20
- Week 4: October 25, 26, 27

Rooms 1A, 7A, 1B, 2B
- Week 6: November 8, 9, 10
- Week 7: November 15, 16, 17

Rooms 2A, 3A, 5A, 3B, 4B
- Week 8: November 22, 23, 24
- Week 9: November 29, 30 & December 1

Notices and permission slips will be going home in the week prior to your child’s sessions. If your child has asthma or epilepsy the school requires a certificate from the child’s doctor stating that it is safe for your child to participate. If you have any concerns or queries please talk to classroom staff.

World Teachers Day
Valuing and acknowledging our teachers.
World Teachers Day, organized by UNESCO and Education International, was celebrated on the 5th October. We take this opportunity to thank our teachers and acknowledge the great teaching, dedication and care they provide for the children at our school.

Art Show ‘Through Their Eyes’
15 September 2016
Families and friends gathered at Niddrie campus at the end of last term to share their pleasure and enjoyment of seeing all their children’s art pieces at the exhibition arranged by Alysha Spargo and other Niddrie parents. It was a true celebration of the children’s creativity and learning.

Below is the display by the students in 6B titled ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff had a Problem’. The students in 6B discussed the problem of the Billy goats crossing the bridge safely. Could the students design a machine to help them get across? The picture shows the constructions they designed and built to help the goats. One of the designs was jet packs for the goats to fly to the green grass on the other side of the bridge!

Spotlight on Teaching Teams
Rm 7B - Jack, Sam, Jo & Pauline
This semester in 7B, we continue to focus on reading and viewing classic children’s stories and fairy tales.
These literacy experiences are enriched through a variety of activities throughout the week including handwriting, art, drama, music and excursions. A particular favourite was the Dr Seuss story, Green Eggs and Ham. On the last day of that week we made green eggs and ham for morning tea and graphed our data in a numeracy lesson. Surprisingly, all but one of the students and teachers liked green eggs!

We are all excited about our new school veggie garden. Before the break, we went on an excursion to CERES Environmental Park to buy herbs and vegetables, which we planted on the last day of term. They are doing well and we are excited to use them in future science and cooking sessions.

We are looking forward to the upcoming swimming program where students will be practicing basic water safety skills as well as learning to have fun in the water.

Parent Activities and Events

Free autism workshop for families in Caroline Springs
Like all school-age students, children on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Please find out more about us at this link; Learn about Positive Partnerships in our short 4 minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dm7hhZ7WBEk

Please contact the Positive Partnerships Info line if you have any enquiries on 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

Children’s Week

Children’s Week calendar of events: What’s on in Victoria?
From a roaming reptiles display in Colac to a celebration of being active in the Surf Coast and a meteorological experience at Scienceworks, there’s something for everyone during Children’s Week, beginning 22 October. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/childrensweek.aspx

Tweet from the WASATI @atiwestern
[Autism Teaching Institute]
Sing the praises for all teachers of children with autism on World Teachers Day on the 5th of October. #thankyouteacher

Life Animated Film

In cinemas from the 29th September
This incredibly moving documentary takes us into the interior life of an autistic person, and explores how films helped him communicate with the outside world. He could not speak for years as a child and yet slowly emerged from his isolation by immersing himself in Disney animated movies.

Screening at Cinema Nova Carlton, for more information and to book visit www.lifeanimated.com.au
We have 5 double passes to give away. The first 5 people to email western.autistic.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au will have the opportunity attend a free screening.