Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians, Namaste, Hola, Sawasdee, Kon’nichiwa, Mahlaba

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, with some of the students and staff coming back very excited about the recent grand final win by the Bulldogs.

The year has passed by very quickly and we are already discussing plans for 2017 and beginning to think about writing end of year reports for our students. This term our yellow pod children begin swimming and we look forward to hearing about their success in the pool: parents will be invited to attend during the term to watch their achievements also.

We also have camp on the agenda for many of our red pod students. Another popular event in term 4, early December is the Variety Club Party at the Melbourne Convention Centre, and for students who normally stay at Laverton we will have a petting zoo. Your class teachers will be in touch soon with more information.

Warm regards,
Michelle Sanders

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.

Yesterday our Junior School Council organised for some of the children to read thank you notes to their teachers. The announcements were read over the PA system during breaks. The teachers appreciated these notes of thanks from the children.

Classroom Readers and Library Books; Laverton
Please return readers or library books which have gone home with your children throughout the course of the year when convenient.

Transition to Special School
Assessment Australia Outcomes
Today Jan Hibberd, WAS school psychologist, provided information to parents at an information session on what the children’s cognitive assessment means for future school choices. Please contact the school for information if you missed out on this information session.

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 Alysa 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!

‘Wattle’ is on camp this week
As you read this bulletin the students and staff from the Wattle program are at Lady Northcote camp in Bacchus Marsh. We’ve heard that everyone is having a great time so far and we look forward to sharing stories from the students about their trip in next week’s bulletin.

Many of the classes of Grade 2 and 3 students across the school also have camps this term. Watch this space for more information.

6 October 2016 Laverton
Junior School Council Laverton
The Junior School Council would like to thank all the students who dressed up in the colours of their favourite footy team on the last day of term! It was a fun way to finish off the term and celebrate all our hard work.

Spotlight on Teaching Teams
Room 3.7
Kim, Adele, Sarah and Carly
3.7 had a very busy term three. We enjoyed a visit from an AFL player who practised ball skills with us and went to St. Kilda football club’s training ground.

We used paper and glue to make Paper Mache sky objects and made our own ‘clay’ to make sculptures. We had fun playing with a guitar and singing some class favourites like ‘Sorry’ by Justin Bieber. Some students have been focusing on creative writing, creating graphs and reading. We have all been developing our social skills and communication skills during our ‘café’ session in which we take on the roles of customers, waiters and chefs.

Two of students have recently transitioned to primary school and we hear they are settling in very well. This term, we are planning to organise a range of exciting excursions to practice our skills in a range of settings in the community. We will be beginning t-ball in week 3.

Room 3.8
Rebecca, Trent and Nicola
In 3.8 this term we have started to do Jolly Phonics every day to learn the sounds that different letters make. We particularly enjoy singing the songs and acting out each letter sound.

Also this term a lot of children in 3.8 have started to transition to their new school, it is an exciting time and they are all doing really well.

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 @atiwester
[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.