Dear parents/ guardians

Hello, Malhhaba, Apa kobar, Xin Chao

As the year draws to a close we are busy helping children moving to other schools in 2016 and their families prepare for transition. For the children staying at WAS, the children will have the opportunity to meet with the staff in their new groups and classrooms for 2016. The staff feedback was that meeting the children individually and as a group this side of 2016 will greatly assist them to prepare for the children’s programs next year. This day is called ‘Step Up Day’ and will take place in the last week of term. With your permission, photos of the 2016 class groups will be sent home to the children. We hope this assists the families to prepare the children for next year.

Want to know more about what your child is learning at school?

Check out SchoolMate – the easy way to know more about the curriculum in Prep to Year 10 at primary and secondary schools. The information in SchoolMate may be helpful for parents whose children are moving on from WAS to mainstream schools.

Download the free SchoolMate app for loads of information about what is taught from Prep to Year 10 as well as tips on what you can do at home.


A reminder to parents that in Term 1 next year WAS will contact every school WAS children have moved on to and offer your child’s teacher from this year or another teacher visit the school and offer support with individual learning plans, or to answer queries the new teacher may have.

Entry Parents Survey 2015

Thank you to all parents/ guardians who completed the survey of their experience of orientation and transition of their prep child/ren this year. We received a great response from parents who overwhelming said that the orientation/ transition program at the start of this year was very beneficial for them and their child.

The area for improvement identified by the parents was to extend the time allocated for the orientation visit. The orientation visits have been extended based on parent feedback. We look forward to welcoming the children and parents new to WAS in 2016 to orientation visits in the last week of term.

Junior School Council

The Junior School Team supported by Sarah Turner have been busy helping to arrange a Disco for children and staff at Laverton campus which will be held on the 17th December. The disco will be a fun dress-up dance party to celebrate the end of the school year. The flyer in this bulletin was designed by the JSC. Congratulations to Jay, Shannon, Lucas, Ava, Damian and Hayden for their great work organising the disco.

Best regards
Mary Thomson
Rock Concert – performed by WAS Music program
The combined Thursday Arts, Wattle and Baseroom concert at Laverton proved to be an overwhelming success, with our students glowing in the spotlight.
Deniz, Jude, Jamie & staff member Wayne rocked on to Deep Purple, Black Sabbath & Hendrix, with Andrew rapping like a pro on "the X factor". Justin, Rima & Bailey sang their lovely ballads with real emotion, making parents and friends proud as punch.

We were very impressed with our young audience, many dancing to the beat. A big thank you to John (sound mixing), Paul (Video), John, Ernesto & Wayne (set up) and Anne Marie (Poster) and program staff for their help and support throughout the year. Although sad to see the end of a wonderful era, it was a fitting finale with such a positive buzz in the room.
Gerry McDonald – Arts Coordinator

End of Term 4
Dear Parents,
Please note the early finish and date for the end of Term 4 2015:
School will finish 2 hours earlier than normal on Friday, 18th December, 2015 at 1pm.

Please ensure you are waiting at your child’s bus stop 2 hour earlier than normal if your child catches the bus. School returns next year on Thursday 28th January 2016.

Sensitive Santa
Many shopping centres and even some Libraries have a version of the Sensitive Santa Program. This is where you can book a time with Santa and his team to have your photos done. No lining up in a busy shopping Centre. Most of the Sensitive/special needs Santa times are before and after the main shopping hours so that the centres are much quieter. Below are the details for some of the Sensitive Santa’s:

Point Cook Town Centre
SPECIAL NEEDS Santa sessions:
Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th December
9.30am – 10.30am

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd December
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Bookings are required and will be made in 10 minute increments.
Bookings can be made via Customer Care – 9394 6200

Amaze list venues:
Highpoint
25 November to 20 December
Tuesday: 5.30–6.30pm
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 8–9am
Customer Service Desk: 03 9319 3344.

Excursions
On Monday 30/11 Room 2.6 went on excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo. After a quick look at the gorillas, we found a spot to have lunch where the children were surprised by an unexpected possum sighting in the ceiling of a nearby hut. We walked to see the lions, monkeys and wild dogs and then boarded the safari bus to enjoy a tour of the rest of the park. The children were excited to see lots of animals including zebras, giraffes, ostriches, camels and a baby hippopotamus. It was a lovely day, enjoyed by all.