Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello, Al salaam a’alaykum, Xin Chao, Selamat soree, Namaste,

Welcome to fourth bulletin for the term. As usual things are quite busy but the classrooms are starting to settle in as the students become more familiar with the new teachers and new groups and this should continue as the term rolls on.

The school hosted Parent Information sessions on the topic of ‘Transition to Primary School’ held at both campuses this week, presented by Michelle Sanders at Laverton and Helen Manning at Niddrie with Van Vu present for Vietnamese translation. This continues along the road of our commitment to better engage families in the school community and from feedback received these sessions were both informative and helpful to those who attended.

Budget Announcement - Education budget

This week the new Labor government announced its new budget and there was some good news for education. Labor vowed to make Victoria “the education state” and their first budget locks in $3.9 billion of funding to fulfil ambitious election promises for schools, TAFEs and disadvantaged students. It is yet to be seen what this will mean for our school as we are not yet sure of the funding from the budget for WAS, but we will keep you updated as we find out.

Bus transport

The school and the bus company continue to work through issues with bus transport, with support from the department’s Student Transport Unit. WAS have one of the largest bus runs in the state and the many rules and regulations that apply make this a complex issue. Many of our wonderful staff have put in a mammoth effort and will continue to do so. Thank you again to families for their patience and understanding and to staff for their work.

I would also like to draw your attention to:

THE DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

This resource aims to increase awareness and understanding of the Disability Standards for Education among individuals, families and communities throughout Australia. It was developed by The University of Canberra in collaboration with ten funding partners including DET. This is a general resource about the rights of students with disability and how schools can work with students and their families to support them:

http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/

Bernie Finn MP Member for the Western Metropolitan Region has asked to visit WAS to view the amenities and have a look at what we do at our school and engage in closer discussion about provision for students with an ASD in the Western region. We welcome his interest and will provide more information as it comes to light.

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Events and Services of possible interest for families

Local Government for Respite, School Holiday programs and recreational activities

Brimbank City Council: 9249 4000  
www.brimbank.vic.gov.au
Hobson’s Bay Council: 9932 1530  
www.hobsons.vic.gov.au
City of Maribyrnong: 9688 0103  
www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au
City of Melbourne: 9658 9542  
www.melbourne.vic.gov.au
Shire of Melton: 9747 7200  
www.melton.vic.gov.au
City of Moonee Ponds: 9243 8806  
www.mvcc.vic.gov.au
Wyndham City Council: 9742 8114  
www.wyndham.vic.gov.au

Sites Families may find helpful for Sensory items:

- www.mydiffability.com (sensory, fine motor and gross motor items)
- www.wonsie.com.au (Child sized body suites)
- www.bizaarbibsnbums.com.au (nappy covers, PEG pads)

Jennings Street School
2016 Enrolments

Term 2 School Tours and Information Sessions

Venue: Administrations Centre, Jennings Street School

Register Attendance: Phone 9360 9322

Dates: Tuesday 12th May  10:00AM  
       Tuesday 12th May  6:00PM

Parent Activities and Events

Parent Group Sessions

Anger Workshops
To be held at Niddrie on:
May: 4th & 18th  
June: 1st & 15th

Mental Health and Wellbeing
To be held at Laverton on:
May: 12th & 26th  
June: 9th & 23rd

There is no cost to attend and childcare is available.

If your require any further information please contact Margaret Itsines or Jacqueline Nixon on 9097 2000 or
itsines.margaret.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Classrooms in Action

WATCH THIS SPACE: There will be a “Classrooms in Action” session again this term. Classrooms in Action give parents the opportunity to gain understanding about the school program and to observe classrooms in action. Dates for the Classrooms in Action sessions will be posted in the next week’s bulletin.

Mother’s Day Stall

A big thank you to Fred and Kannika Gath, for hosting the Mother’s Day stall at the Laverton Campus, for the children to buy a gift for Mother’s Day. The Gath children, Michael and Alex are ex-students of WAS.

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