



27 JUNE 2018 LAVERTON CAMPUS
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Dear Parents and Carers, Namaste, Selamat siang, Xin Chao, 你好 Bonjour, Guten Tag, Mahlaba, Ciao, Kia Ora

Welcome to the last edition of the bulletin for this term.

Our recent Curriculum Day after the long weekend provided an opportunity for school staff to work together to reflect on the school's philosophy on teaching and learning and to revisit our processes around student engagement and well-being.

We also had wonderful guest speakers, Shadia Ibrahim and her mother Jane Hancock. Shadia is a year 12 student with autism and Jane is a secondary school teacher. Shadia and Jane gave their different perspectives on schooling as a student and as a parent and teacher. It was wonderful that they could share their insights with us and staff appreciated the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of both.

Mid-Year Student Reports

You will have received your child's mid-year report and will be meeting with the teaching team to discuss the report, review learning goals and plan new goals for next semester. We are so proud of the students' progress toward the goals set with you at the start of the year in the areas of expressive and receptive language goals as well as social, learning readiness and academic goals. The reports also identify your child's learning level in the Victorian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Health and Physical Education, The ARTS and Science (only for grade 3 students), and include a comment on your child's achievement at that level.

As always, if parents/carers have any concerns about your child's learning program please speak to your class teachers, leading teacher or campus principals.

Wishing all families a safe winter break, and we look forward to seeing the children in the new term.

Term 2 finishes on Friday 29th June at 2pm. Therefore, buses will drop off students one hour earlier than usual.

Term 3 starts on Monday 16th July
Term 3 finishes on Friday 21st September
Term 4 starts on Monday 8th October
End of School Friday 21st December

FOCUS ON STAFF – Room 2.3

On Wednesday the 20th Of June, Room 2.3 went on an excursion to the Point Cook Fire Station. The students met the firefighters, and had a turn to sit in the fire truck. Students had a turn to use the water hose and watch how the fire engine lights work. The firefighters took the group on a tour of the station, and even put the siren on! All involved had a fantastic experience, learning about transport.



SCHOOL PHOTOS – WUNDERKIND PHOTOGRAPHY

All families have received a letter from Wunderkind Photography with instructions for online purchases and special offers. Please use your personalised ID and Password to login, view and order by Sunday 1st July for free delivery to school! If you need assistance please contact Ebony in the office.

EMERGENCY AFTER-HOUR RESPITE SERVICE (EARS)

EARS provide FREE in-home and emergency assistance for people with disabilities. The service operates 24 hours a day from Monday to Friday and from 5pm – 9am on weekends and public holidays. Contact: 1800 727 280

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS) INFORMATION AND WORKSHOPS.

AMAZE www.amaze.org.au

NDIS website has a lot of useful information, including translations in many different languages. Please visit: www.ndis.gov.au/lote.html