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A Message from the Principal

We had a great start to Term 4 last week, but now that the sun is getting stronger, can you please make sure that your child brings a **hat and sunscreen** to school. MSS is a SunSmart school, so we encourage students and staff to make sure that exposure to harmful UV rays is minimised. If your child does not have a hat or finds it difficult to keep a hat on, we will encourage them to have their breaks in the shaded areas of the playground.

Several exciting events have already occurred this term – last week one of the Senior classes attended a 3 day camp in the city and had a great adventure using the public transport system as they navigated their way around the suburbs of Melbourne. This week another Senior group is off on camp until Wednesday – it is a beautiful time of year to be out and about. Today the Middles will be having an exciting day completing the Amazing Race around the school grounds, completing a series of educational tasks as they work their way around the school. Thanks to all the staff who have been involved in these activities – we could not run them without extra staff commitment. Also a big thank you to the Parents, Carers and Community Club for the Hot Dog lunch order day last term on Footy Day. There was lots of colour and excitement as many students showed off their team colours.

In the last few pages of this newsletter you will find some feedback sheets for you to fill out. We have vacancies on our **School Council** that need to be filled and are asking for interested people to become involved in our school. School Council is presenting information about the proposed new student uniform and there is an opportunity to give your feedback about designs, colours and preferences. As it gets later in the year, our focus is turning to planning for the 2018 school year. We would like some information about what the community would like our school to support parents and carers with and what is the best method to communicate this information. If you have the spare few minutes to get some feedback to us we would be very grateful.

Next week is Carers Week (15th to 21st October 2017). Anyone at any time can become a carer. National Carers Week is an opportunity to educate and raise awareness among all Australians about the diversity of carers and their caring roles. Carers make an enormous contribution to our communities and their caring roles are valued at \$60.3 billion annually – more than \$1 billion per week. National Carers Week 2017 provides everyone with a chance to learn about carers and caring in Australia. There are many events being held across the state that celebrate your role as carers. For more information see <http://www.carersweek.com.au/>.

Finally a reminder that we have had one case (to date) of Chicken Pox in the school. Symptoms start with a low fever and general unhappiness and then develops into an itchy skin rash.

Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine.

Bronwyn Welch



Thanks for your support Team MSS!!

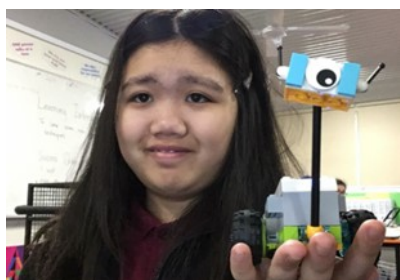
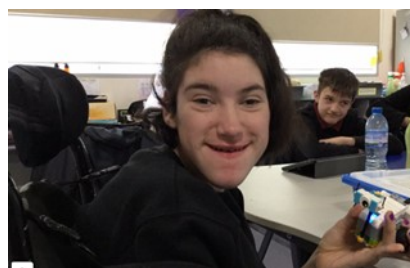
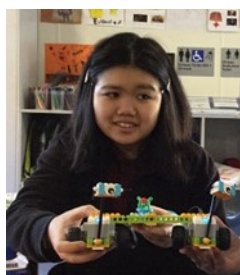
We collected 19,620 stickers.

We will be buying Literacy resources for the school in 2018.

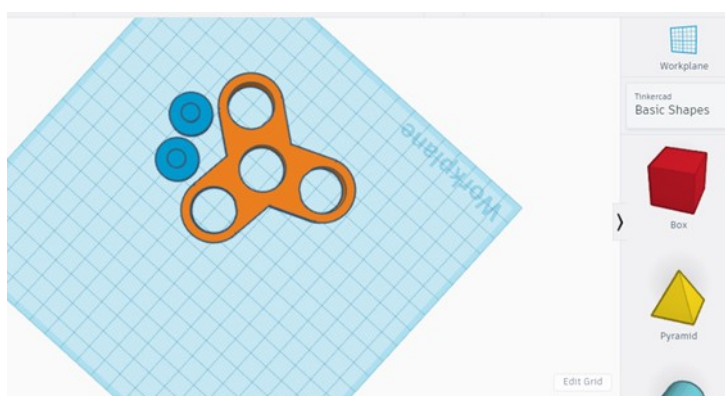
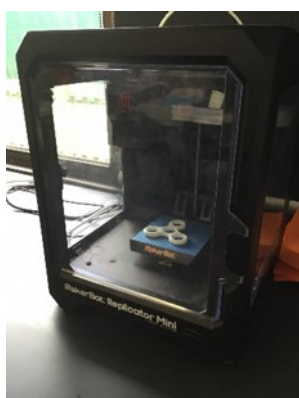
A Word from: ICT

Greetings from the ICT room.

This semester, some of our Later Years students have been learning about building and programming robots using Lego WeDo2.0. The Lego robots encourage students' curiosity to build and explore while they also learn programming skills. The students did a great job of designing their robots and programming them to complete specific tasks such as sending messages, sensing objects in their way and scooping up items.



Our Middles students have been using a 3D CAD program on the computer to design and build their own fidget spinners which were printed out using the 3D printer. Students did an excellent job of then adding the bearings to balance their spinners and spray painting their finished products.





National Nutrition Week 15-21 October 2017



Tips from Nutrition Australia

Create your own Fruit and Veg Rainbow

A great way to keep track of the colours children eat each day is to create a fruit and veg rainbow poster. Every time the children eat a colourful fruit and vegetable they can place a corresponding coloured sticker on the rainbow or get them to colour in a small section on the rainbow. This is also a great activity that parents can do with their children at home.

Create a Rainbow on Your Plate

Make a tropical rainbow fruit salad with fruits of each colour: oranges, strawberries, mango, rock-melon, kiwifruit, bananas, and blueberries. Stir fry your own mix of vegetables using each colour: red onions, carrots, baby corn, broccoli and mushrooms.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAYS



**Every Friday during Term 4
we will be having
FRESH FRUIT
FRIDAY!!!**

We have been very lucky to obtain a grant through the Barnardos Children's Support and Aldi ENRICH Program to the value of \$3,600. This generous support will be used to help provide our students with fresh fruit at Breakfast Club, Lunch Club and Fresh Fruit Friday in Term 4.

The funding will also be used to purchase learning materials to supplement our curriculum and help support informing our school community to make healthy food choices for healthy living outcomes. Look out for the 'Healthy Living for Life' features and class room activities in our future newsletters.

We would like to ask our school community if there are any volunteers out there that can help use for an hour or so every Friday in Term 4 to cut and deliver fresh fruit to all the grades in the school.

If you have a current Working with Children Check and would like to help please ring Breeanna on 9743 4966 to register your interest.

**For volunteers who haven't had an Induction, one will be held on
TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER
10am**

Dates to Remember

Wednesday	11th October	Urban Camp - Rohan's Class
Monday	16th October	PGL Camp - Rebecca's Class
Wednesday	18th October	Northern Special Schools Basketball Program— Selected Student
Friday	20th October	Travel Training Melbourne—VCAL Rebecca
Tuesday	31st October	School Council 6pm
Friday	3rd November	Travel Training Watergardens—VCAL Rebecca
Wednesday	8th November	Blackwood Super Ride Camp—Selected Students
Wednesday	15th November	MCG Visit—VCAL Horticulture
Friday	17th November	Travel Training Highpoint—VCAL Rebecca
Monday	20th November	Prep Transition 9:30am to 11am
Wednesday	22nd November	Melbourne Zoo—Sally's Class
Friday	24th November	Curriculum Day—No students at school
Monday	27th November	Prep Transition 9:30am to 11am
Tuesday	28th November	School Council 6pm
Monday	4th December	Prep Transition 9:30am to 11am
Friday	8th December	Travel Training Ballan—VCAL Rebecca
		Travel Training— Highpoint—VCAL/Snr
Friday	8th December	End of Year School Disco
Tuesday	12th December	State Wide Transition Day
Friday	22nd December	Last Day of Term 4—Early Dismissal 2pm

School Council Expression of Interest

We have three Parent Representative Vacancies on our School Council. We would like to invite interested people to get involved in the school council to help give a stronger voice to our parent community within the school.

School Council is making decisions around the new school playground designs, the implementation of a new uniform and making decisions about the new building due to start in 2018.

If you would like to become directly involved in these decisions please return the form below.

The meetings remaining for the year are:

Tuesday 31st October 6pm—8pm

Tuesday 28th November 6pm—8pm

School Council Expression of Interest

I am interested in joining Melton Specialist School Council

Name:

Child:

Contact number:

Please return to the Administration Office via your child's communication Diary or in person



**SATURDAY
15TH OCTOBER
11AM-3PM**

Location:

Treasury Gardens -
corner of Lansdowne St
and Wellington Parade
(Tram 48 and 75)



Attractions:

Jumping castle,
market stalls, info centre,
photo booth, face painting, animal farm,
soccer, video games and more!

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For more information visit:

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Early Intervention Readiness Program



Western Melbourne & Brimbank Melton

Perpetual

Has your child recently been diagnosed with autism?

Are you unsure or confused about what to do next?

Would you benefit from some expert advice around first steps for your family and
accessing high quality early intervention?

The Early Intervention Readiness Program (EIRP) is run by Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect). Aspect has over 35 years' experience in working with young children on the autism spectrum.

This program is family-centred, meaning that our professionals work hand-in-hand with your family to ensure a smooth transition into early intervention and early childhood services.

How does the Early Intervention Readiness Program (EIRP) work?

One of our team, who has an extensive knowledge and experience with autism and your local support services, will visit your family at home or at another location you choose, such as childcare, preschool or school.

We work with you to assess your family's specific current needs and to ensure that your child is receiving the early intervention that is best suited to him or her. A series of follow-up visits are arranged to support the needs of all of your family.

Who can apply?

Families in Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton who have a child aged 0 – 12 years who has been recently diagnosed with autism, or who has been referred for assessment.

If you are currently accessing limited services to support your child and family, you are especially encouraged to apply.

Cost?

There is no charge to families for this service. It is funded by Perpetual Limited.

Do we need a referral?

Families can refer themselves.

To apply:

Please contact Amanda Reed, Aspect Therapy Service Coordinator, on 0458 009 615 or areed@aspect.org.au

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) ABN 12 000 637 267

Building 1, Level 2, 14 Aquatic Drive Frenchs Forest NSW 2086 | PO Box 361 Forestville NSW 2087 | T 02 9977 8300 W www.autismspectrum.org.au

Saturday, 14 October 2017

9am–10.30am @ Western BACE

Saturday workshop

**Family Fun
with Tech**



+ opportunity to
win
your very own
Ozobot, Tablet
& Starter pack
valued at \$300

Join Western BACE for a morning of fun, engaging, and low-pressure activities geared towards kids (ages 5 to 10) and parents who want to learn and play with interesting technologies together. No prior experience is required and all the equipment needed is provided. Your children will enjoy interesting educational activities, learn about programming and line following robots.

Kids Aged 5 to 7

Younger children will enjoy the colouring table that will let them play & colour all while learning the principles of coding with the line following robots.

Kids Aged 8 to 10

Older children will learn to program the robots manually using colour codes and via coding a simple program.

Cost: \$20 per child

Please note: parents must stay at the event

For booking: www.facebook.com/westernbace

Western BACE is a Not for Profit community driven business hub in Melbourne's West where people matter, feel a sense of belonging and are supported in striving for growth and excellence.
Fun with Tech for Parents & Kids is only possible thanks to the generous support of Lend Lease www.atherstone.com.au

Proposed New School Uniform

School Council is proposing to introduce a new school uniform in 2018. Below are pictures of the uniform pieces that are currently on display in the foyer of the Administration Office. We invite you to come up to the school to have a look at the pieces and assess the quality of the garments for yourself.

We are inviting the school community's feedback so School Council can make an informed choice before selecting designs and suppliers. There is a feedback response on the next page that can be filled out and returned if you wish to participate.

The proposed new uniform will be:

- Worn by students across the whole school Foundation to Year 12
- Available for purchase through a school run uniform shop
- Introduced during 2018 and there will be a change over phase
- Have financial assistance available through State Schools Relief to purchase uniform pieces if you require it

Thank you very much for your time and interest.

Glen Glanvill
School Council President



New Student Uniform Community Consultation Feedback

Do you support the introduction of a branded uniform at our school?

YES

NO

Please comment on any feedback you have on the proposed colours or designs:

Please comment on any feedback you have on the proposed quality or prices:

What is your preferred change over period (beginning in 2018):

6 months

12 months

School Community Engagement Feedback

We are currently planning our Community Engagement activities for the 2018 school year.

We would like your feedback on what types of Community Information you would like to see more of. We will be delivering the types of information the community needs via the newsletter, FlexiBuzz, Facebook, Expos, Information sessions and Workshops.

Please circle all those that are appropriate:

Speech and Communication / Visual Schedules for Home

NDIS

Post School Pathways / Travel Education/ Driver Education

Student Employment Opportunities

Positive Behaviour Support

Parenting Information

Puberty/Sexual Health

Cyberbullying/Social Media/ Bullying

Transitions (Primary to Secondary, Early Childhood to Primary)

Fussy Eating and Nutrition

Autism Information

Carers Support Agencies

Community Events

After School Community Access Programs

After School Care

School Policies and Procedures

School based Financial Support Programs

Hygiene and Self Care Education

Student Mental Health Support/Programs

Carers Mental Health Support/Programs

Relationships Support/Programs

Please return to the Administration Office via your child's communication Diary or in person