Dear Students & Families

It is a big year for six of our students as they prepare to leave school at the end of 2013 to go onto adult settings. The transition process began earlier this year, with students and their families attending forums and visiting post-school option settings. This term students are beginning to transition to their future settings. Alesha Marshall, our transition coordinator, has been working with each of the settings to ensure that regular transition will occur so that students are prepared for next year and that staff at the settings get to know our students and develop a positive relationship with them. We wish each of our students all the best with their transition.

Lunchtime activities appear to be a highlight for many students. We are currently offering gaming, library, walking group, engine room and construction throughout the week. It is lovely to see students enjoying these activities and waiting excitedly for staff at lunchtimes.

You may have heard your children mention ‘Charlie’ or ‘Jax’. These are not new students but our physio Lauren’s two dogs. They are gorgeous golden retrievers who are training to be therapy dogs. Students love spending time with them and Lauren is always bombarded with offers to walk Charlie or Jax during morning tea and lunchtime. Charlie and Jax assist Lauren in her physio sessions. It is wonderful seeing Charlie lying between Nathan and Sarah during therapy sessions providing motivation for them to reach and touch him.

Nicole

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
Basketball Comp
Friday 2nd
Student Free Day
Monday 19th
Basketball Comp
Friday 30th
Parents & Friends Meeting
Friday 30th

SEPTEMBER
Friendship Games
Friday 6th
School Concert
Tuesday 10th
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PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETINGS

Parents and Friends meet the last Friday of each month at 9:30am.

All parents are welcome to come along and join the fun.

Next Meeting - Friday 30th August

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For more information please contact Brian Kirk,

email walkwithme@scopevic.org.au
This winners from last week are...

“Winter”
Liam, Rm 3
Tempaney, Rm 13

Ayden, Rm 4

Paul, Room 13

This week’s sign is...

“Garden”

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

Liam, Rm 3

Michelle, Rm 9
Raffle Winner

Molly, Rm 17

Jack H, Rm 5

YARD AWARD

SENIOR SPORT AWARDS

Stephanie, Rm 1

Molly, Rm 13

Sam P, Rm 11
**What’s Happening @ W&DSS**

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

The second instalment of EMA is due to be paid in August. If your child has changed schools since the beginning of 2013 you will be required to complete a new form. If your child has been enrolled at our school since the beginning of term 1, 2013 you are not required to complete another form.

There have been some changes made to the way the EMA funds will be allocated. From 2013, schools no longer directly receive EMA funds, and the full payment will be forwarded to families.

Families have 3 payment options to choose from:
- Option 1 - Paid by direct deposit (EFT) into your nominated bank account.
- Option 2 - Paid by cheque, which will be posted to your school for collection.
- Option 3 - Paid to the school to be held as a credit which you can use towards educational expenses such as levies, camps and excursions.

Please contact the office if you would like a form sent home or require more information regarding EMA or levy payments.

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BEFORE FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST**

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**Room 9 will be “travelling” to a new country each week this term. This week they are visiting Italy.**

As part of his role as Traffic Safety Educator for Latrobe City Council, Michael Morgan, from First Track Adventures was kind enough to bring 2 hand powered bikes to our school last week.

Troy and Sue had a great time riding around our school.

Thank you Michael!

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**Room 9**

What happened?

The dye stuck on our hands. We have green, blue hands.

It was an awesome and weird experiment.

Phillip made a huge puddle of bubbles. The harder you blow the more bubbles you get!

We had bubbles everywhere!

If you sucked instead of blowing you got yucky bubbles in your mouth!