Northern School for Autism

"Learning for Life"

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From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action – thanks for your support
On behalf of the community thank you to all the parents/carers who made alternate arrangements for your children last Thursday. There is information from the AEU and the Department on the school website if you would like further information. Thank you to the Education Support staff and the few non-striking teachers who worked diligently preparing resources and tidying learning spaces for the community throughout the day. A number of ES staff also participated in on-line professional learning over the course of the day.

Congratulations Lyndall
Lyndall Steele applied for and won an Education Support Professional Development scholarship from the Department. Lyndall is currently studying to become a teacher so the funds will come in handy to pay for course fees and text books. Well done Lyndall!

OHS Course
Occupational Health and Safety Representatives in school must complete 5 day training. Thank you to Jan Kirby and Lyndall Steele who spent all of last week attending the course. We are sure your training will come in handy in your OHS roles.

Fundraising
This year’s fundraising focus is a little different for each campus. Preston and Lalor will be raising funds to buy books for the new libraries. Thanks to Jennifer (Bastian’s mother) who has already kindly organised a donation of new books. At Jacana the focus will be on purchasing ICT devices for classrooms (cameras and portable DVD players). So far the fundraising committee has raised $1430 and we still have three major fundraising events to go (shopping tour, book fair and Christmas raffle). Thanks to YOU our generous community for supporting the fundraising efforts of the hardworking groups at each campus.

Reservoir Campus
The playground designs are now complete and the school is currently seeking quotes. Once the final contractor has been appointed we will put the concept drawings on display in the Preston reception area.

Jacana Campus
While the front car park is being redeveloped the contractors are also going to resurface the staff carpark and West parent carpark to eliminate pot-holes. Thank you Corinne for coordinating this project.

Preston Campus
Thanks to Cilla who has organised removalist quotes for Preston Campus. The working party are meeting every Friday fortnight and plans are proceeding well. We have our fingers
and toes crossed that the school will be ready for us to move into in late January – stay tuned for more updates.

**Supporting Students with Challenging Behaviour Reference Group**
The Department has invited NSA to have a representative of the autism specific schools participate in this reference group. We will keep you posted with the outcomes of these discussions.

**Special Lunch – Preston Campus**
Remember to return your order and payment for special pizza lunch on Thursday June 28th!

**Anna Rigoni**
Principal
Jacana News

Family Support Meetings
Term 3 dates have been organised for the Family Support Meetings. We would love to see some new families at these meetings. Please join us to learn more about ASD and assist us with planning for 2013. We would love to hear your ideas about how we can improve the sessions so that they meet the needs of our families.

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Fundraising News
The next fundraising event will be the special lunch order day planned for Thursday June 21st. An order form was sent home last Wednesday and were due back to school today 15th June. If you have not returned your order please return on Monday 18th June.
The Shopping Tour is back by popular demand! Please mark this date in your diary – Sunday 28th October.

Term 3 – Literacy & Numeracy Week Monday 3rd – Friday 7th September
To celebrate Literacy & Numeracy week we will be holding a Book Fair. This was extremely successful last year and a great fundraising activity for all the students. It was a fabulous opportunity to browse the stall and for students to select books of interest.

Donation
Carole Rose from the Raymond McMahon Medical Centre (Endeavour Hills) has made a kind donation of 10 new bike helmets to the Jacana Campus. Thank you to Carole for her kind donation.

Front Entrance Works
Three new driveway crossovers have been installed over the past week in preparation for the major redevelopment and civil works planned to commence on Monday July 25th. There will be some disruption to visitor and staff parking for this week. There will be no car access to the general office from Monday 25th – Friday 29th June. Visitors and staff will need to park on Landy Road for the duration of this period and access the general office via the pedestrian gate that will lead up to the office.

Additional Fencing
There will be additional fencing erected between the main reception building and the therapy offices. This will enable staff and students to move more effectively through the school and restrict the traffic through the early years corridors. There is also shade cloth being installed on the chain mesh fences facing the staff car park in the early years courtyard. This will provide some privacy and safety for our students whilst in this area.

Corinne Pupillo
Campus Principal
This term the students in our room have continued working on improving our skills across the day, doing Maths and English activities, cooking, science, learning about the human body and how to be talk to people who are friends or people who are strangers.

Each day as part of literacy we use the Interactive Whiteboard to read an online story, then answer comprehension questions about what has been read. The students take turns to interact with the story.

For cooking this term we’ve made fried rice, sausage rolls, home-made LCM bars and muesli bars.

Learning how to use leisure time effectively is also important, with a focus on choosing what to do.
HUME CITY COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO THE
OFFICIAL OPENING
A FREE family friendly event. All ages are welcome!

HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE – CRAIGIEBURN
YOURS TO IMAGINE, EXPLORE AND DISCOVER

Sunday 17 June 11am – 3pm
Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn
75-95 Central Park Avenue, Melway ref 386 F7

FREE sausage sizzle
Wild Action native animal show and display
Art and craft activities
Storytime with guest children’s author, Michael Wagner
Family entertainment including live music and DJ
Art exhibition
Games tournament
Face painting, balloons and prizes

For more information phone 9205 2200
or visit www.hume.vic.gov.au
Or download a free QR Reader App on your Smartphone and scan the QR Code to view the new Centre on our website.
For more information contact Susie 0402 245 086

Cost: Cold coin donation

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Where: Windrock Ave, Castletown

Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School

When: First Monday of every month

Support group for parents of kids with Autism

Pokits Partnership of Kids in the Spectrum
Breaking NEWS: FaHCSIA (Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) have confirmed that families of children aged 0-6 who have access to the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) funding, can use the ‘resource’ component to pay to attend the Victorian Autism Conference (VAC) 2012 as delegates.

Early Bird Registrations Extended
Friday 22nd June

Important Note: Please note that the as per FaHCSIA’s general resources and equipment policy, the purchase of all resources, including conference registration at VAC 2012, is at the HCWA Providers’ discretion. They must decide as to whether they believe families would benefit from attending the conference, as part of the child’s overall therapy program.

Please consult with your HCWA Provider, following the guidelines below:

1. The process is either:
   a) After consultation with HCWA Provider, parent/carer can purchase conference registration themselves and then be reimbursed by their provider once FaHCSIA has processed claim through the ‘resources’ component of funding
   b) After consultation with the family, HCWA Provider can purchase conference registration on behalf of the family using funds from their own bank account and be reimbursed through the ‘resources’ component of the child’s funding
2. Only one conference registration (resource) per child is allowed and monies do not cover travel or expenses to enable conference attendance.
3. Conference registration will be deducted from the child’s resources allowance on the date of purchase.