FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ES Month
August is ES month! On behalf of the entire school community I would like to extend a warm thank you to all NSA education support personnel for your contribution to NSA. Celebrations will be held in the final week of August at each campus to say ‘thank you.’

Industrial Action
As the NSA AEU sub-branch has voted to participate in industrial action there are a number of bans in place. Please see the AEU website for further information: http://www.aeuvic.asn.au/
It is highly likely that the union sub-branch will vote to participate in industrial action on September 5th – this means the school may close on this day. I encourage NSA parents/carers to begin thinking about making alternate care arrangements for your child. Official notice of any school closures will be sent to the parent/carer community closer to the date.

Bus Shopping Tour
Please remember to send your reply slip if you would like to join the NSA shopping tour on Sunday October 28th. Thanks to Lisa Sette for organising this event for the school.

Gen Gereb - There’s a Traffic Jam in My Brain – Saturday September 15th
Please keep an eye out for a notice about a Saturday PD being held at Jacana Campus with Gen Gereb in regard to sensory processing. Please send the return slip if you would like to attend. Limited places available.

Fathers’ Day Stalls
Next week the fundraising groups are organising Fathers’ Day Stalls across the campuses – thank you to our hardworking parents/carers for organising this activity for the students. Further information will be sent home soon.

Coles & Woolworths Program
Thank you to the whole school community, parents, staff and friends who have obtained earn and learn stickers or vouchers from both Safeway and Coles supermarkets. A special thanks to the Wallely family who have obtained a colossal amount of stickers for the Earn & Learn program. We have far exceeded the amount of stickers from previous years and should be able to gain a number of useful items for the campuses.

Student Number Ceilings
The DEECD Northern Regional office approved a ceiling of 40 students at Lalor Campus and a ceiling of 184 students at Jacana Campus for 2013. This is great news as it will enable these two campuses to consolidate. We have reached capacity in terms of teaching spaces, green spaces and parking – we simply can’t grow any bigger at each of these sites! Incredible growth at Jacana has been a challenge – especially recruiting so many new staff each year. Thanks to the leadership and Jacana community for being patient and supportive over the past five years while we grew and grew. Once Preston relocates to Reservoir there will be room for 40 to 60 additional students - Reservoir’s capacity will ultimately be 160.

Anna Rigoni
Principal
Northern School for Autism Newsletter

CAMPUS NEWS

Jacana Campus

Fundraising News- date to remember
Father’s Day Stall: Tuesday 20th August – 23rd August. Your child’s teacher will send home more information.
Literacy & Numeracy Week/Book Fair: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th September
Footy Day & Special Footy Lunch Orders: Thursday 20th September
Shopping Tour Sunday 28th October: Please send money to Lisa Sette

Family Support Meetings
On Wednesday 15th August we facilitated a coffee and chat morning to brain storm some ideas for the family support sessions for term 4 and next year. We had some great ideas put forward and Deb Munt has put together a program for future sessions. Thank you to the ladies who assisted with the feedback and we are hoping to increase the numbers in these groups with topics that are relevant to you, as parents and carers. We hope you can join us at the next 2 sessions.

Wednesday 29th August: Consumer Affairs - Product Safety
Wednesday 12th September: CareLinks North – Respite Services

Regular Informal Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
The PLC will open for families/carers to drop in and catch up for an informal chat and cuppa
-Friday 31st August
-Friday 7th September
-Friday 21st September

AUGUST is ES Month
I would like to acknowledge the contributions of all our Education Support Staff here at the Jacana Campus. This includes all the teacher assistants, therapists, admin team and the maintenance staff (Rob), the teachers and students really appreciate your support and hard work. We are celebrating with a special morning tea on Friday 31st August.

Front Entrance Works
The contractors have finally completed the works at the front entrance. I’m sure you will agree this is a safer and more accessible area of the school. Poor weather delayed the completion but we are now accessing the area.
The parallel parking bays are for short term drop off only. If you are staying for longer than 5 mins please use the 90 degree parking bays. Please remember to enter the car park in Landy Road and exit into Litchfield Avenue.

For the safety for all our community please adhere to the 5km speed limit.

OHS News
Denise Clarke (OHS Leadership Support) is currently working on a Traffic Management Plan for the Jacana Campus. We are currently working out how to maximize the staff car park so that we minimize the overflow of cars on to the local streets. Rob Marsh (Maintenance) has installed yellow dots in the parent car park to assist parents & carers to maximize this area as well. Thank you for your co-operation during these busy pick up and drop off times.
It’s important that you follow the instruction of the staff with the fluorescent vest as it can be a bit congested at times.

Healthy Living Kitchen
Students and staff have been keeping a close eye on the redevelopment of the old kitchen area. The old computer hub/kitchen has been transformed into a fabulous learning space. Staff designed the new area which has 2 ovens, 2 induction cook tops, 2 sinks, dishwasher, hand basin with sensor tap and lots of lockable storage. There is also a servery that can be used as a café style learning space. The painters are currently putting the finishing touches on and the plumber and electrician will be back next week to reconnect the utilities. It has been a great project to work on and all the students are looking forward to using the kitchen from the 27th August.

Corinne Pupillo
Campus Principal

PHOTOS

Front Entrance
Healthy Living Kitchen
Early Years A
Room 8

This week this children from room 8 went on an excursion to the zoo. The children had a wonderful day and loved all the animals.
Early Years B

ROOM 4’S EXCURSION TO THE LOCAL PARK!
Room 20's Highlights

New Teacher for Room 20!

At the beginning of Term 3, Room 20 ushered in a new teacher Karan Kanwal. One of the new programs Karan has introduced is Gardening. Nathan, Declan and Chris can be seen with Karan planting the new seedlings in the later years vegetable garden.

Classroom Activities

Room 20 gives students plenty of time to pursue their individual hobbies such as reading, drawing, colouring and construction.
Later Years

Horticulture Program
The Later Years’ students have been busy planting lots of seedlings due to the generous donation from Glenroy Lions’ Club. The students planted a mandarin tree, vegetables such as spring onions, lettuce, leeks, beetroot, celery and carrots. The students planted herbs such as parsley, sage, thyme and chives. The donation was also used to purchase compost for the plants and a worm farm to breed worms for the garden. The students have really enjoyed the experience of planting these seedlings, getting dirt on their hands, watering the plants and watching them grow. The students will use the produce in their cooking classes. It has provided the students with the opportunity to work as teams and practice communication skills.
Fathers Day Stall Days:
Monday 21st August
Tuesday 22nd August
Wednesday 23rd August

Gifts are ranging from $1.00 to $5.00 including a 50c

Please send money in an envelope with your child’s name on it as well as a spare plastic bag to put the gifts in.

Northern School for Autism
NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM SHOPPING SPREE BUS TOUR!!!!

...Sick and tired of not enough “TIME OUT” just for you...Well here’s that “YOU TIME” you have all been waiting for! ...Yes that’s right ladies here comes a day JUST FOR YOU AND ONLY YOU!

Hi everyone my name is Lisa Sette – fundraising co–ordinator at Northern School for Autism Jacana campus. Please join me on a fun–filled FRENZY spending day! We will be visiting great outlets where you can SAVE UP TO 70 % OFF RETAIL PRICES!

TOUR INCLUDES: 11 outlets and a 2 course lunch at The Croxton Park Hotel with a glass of wine, soft drink and tea/coffee. Also throughout the day on the bus there will be raffles, prizes, giveaways, refreshments and nibblies too!!!

OUR PROFIT WILL BE THE 10 % COMMISSION ON OUR TOTAL SALES FOR THE ENTIRE DAY!!!

The outlets will be;
Toy worx, Cady stripes, 1999, Beaches, Brucesters, Fila, Classica, Home direct, Natio, Diamond cut, Sirocco

DATE: Sunday 28th October 2012    PICK UP TIME: 8.00am
PICK–UP ADDRESS: Kmart Campbellfield, Hume hwy (across from Hungry Jacks)
DROP–OFF: approx. 6.00pm        PRICE: $50 per person

***PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST BY CONTACTING ME (LISA) ON 0403 737 410 BY AUGUST 28th 2012
FULL PAYMENT IS DUE BY: October 8th 2012

The tour also includes the following: *Luxury coach transport
*A friendly and informative hostess

SO DON’T MISS OUT!

TOGETHER WE WILL HAVE GREAT DAY!
Registration Form:

Name: 

Organisation: 

Address: 

Phone: 

Special Dietary requirements required: 

Payment by Cheque only

Please make cheque out to “Northern School for Autism” and return with registration form to

Northern School for Autism

Jacana Campus
Landy Road
Jacana 3047
Victoria

For further information please contact

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Northern School for Autism presents:

Genevieve Jereb

‘The Traffic Jam in My Brain’

Saturday 15th September

Venue: Northern School for Autism - Jacana Campus
Days proceedings:

8:30—9:00am  Registration
              Tea & coffee available on arrival
9:00—10:30    Session 1
10:30—11:00   Morning tea
11:00—12:30   Session 2
12:30—1:15    Lunch
1:15—3:30     Session 3

Cost:

Parent/Carer  $60.00
Professional  $100.00

Price includes:
- Handouts
- Morning tea
- Lunch

Genevieve will be presenting

A Sensory Processing approach to Challenges associated with Autism, ADHD, Learning and Behavioural Differences

Genevieve Jereb, OTR, is an Australian-born paediatric occupational therapist who presents on sensory processing disorders worldwide and online. She collaborates and presents both nationally and internationally with leading clinicians, teachers, authors and lecturers who share Gen’s passion for helping children be “all of who they really are.

"The Traffic Jam In My Brain" is a fun, informative and interactive seminar designed for parents, therapists and other professionals. You will gain understanding of the basics of sensory processing and learn "ready-to-use" strategies to support learning, attention, social and emotional relationships and behaviour in children.

This workshop gives you a set of dynamic, practical tools which incorporate:
- Regulation
- Respiration
- Rhythm
- Relationship
- Play & Movement
Athletics ‘Come & Try’ Day
For Children with a disability

What: Athletics Come & Try Day (ages 5 upwards)
When: 15th September, 9:30am till noon
       BBQ lunch afterwards.
Where: Harold Stevens Reserve
       Outlook Rd, Coburg. Melways Ref: 18 A 10
       (Located behind the Basketball centre)
       Register to participate by 07/09/2012

www.coburglac.com.au    coburglac@gmail.com
Registration Form

Athletics 'Come & Try' Day

Harold Stevens Reserve, Coburg - 15th September, 2012

Athlete's Name: __________________________ Age: __________

Address: ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian's Name: ________________________________

Mobile Phone: ________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________

Permission given to take and publish photographs _______ YES / NO _________

Disability / Special needs:

_____________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________

Please circle the events you wish to participate in:

100m   200m   400m   Shot put   Discus   Long Jump

Any other information you would like to provide:

_____________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________

Will you be joining us for a BBQ lunch after the events?

If so, how many people in attendance? __________________________

Any special dietary needs/ allergies? __________________________

For more information please contact:

Coburg Little Athletics Centre
Kathleen Marsh – President  (M) 0417 557 302;
Send entry form to 51 Cornwall Street, West Brunswick 3055 or to email coburglac@gmail.com

Closing Date – 7th September

Coburg Little Athletics Centre
Harold Stevens Athletics track, Outlook Road, Coburg
See website for more details: www.coburglac.com.au
Basketball Program

Coburg Come and Try Day

If you're 8-16 years with a disability and would like to learn how to play basketball, meet new people and have a whole lot of fun then take part in the Coburg Come and Try day!

The FREE come and try session will be held at Coburg Basketball Stadium. There will be opportunities for participants to continue on to play in an 8 week competition, commencing October 2012.

Session time- 4.30 pm—5.30pm

Come and Try session date- Monday, 10th September 2012

Venue- Coburg Basketball Stadium, Outlook Drive, Coburg.

To register or for more information please contact Georgia Pizarcoff at Coburg Basketball Stadium on 9355 7200 or email: bsvcoburg@netspace.net.au
Basketball Program

Coburg Come and Try Day

If you're 17+ years with a disability and would like to learn how to play basketball, meet new people and have a whole lot of fun then take part in the Coburg Come and Try day!

The gold coin donation come and try session will be held at Coburg Basketball Stadium. There will be opportunities for participants to continue on to play at the centre.

Session time – 11.00am—1.30pm

Come and Try session date – Sunday, 28th October 2012

Venue – Coburg Basketball Stadium, Outlook Drive, Coburg.

What to bring – A towel, water and comfortable sporting clothes and shoes

To register or for more information please contact Georgia Pizaroff at Coburg Basketball Stadium on 9355 7200 or email: bsvcoburg@netspace.net.au
About Special Olympics

Special Olympics Australia is a national charity that brings the benefits of regular sports participation to children and adults with an intellectual disability in local communities across the country.

We are Australia's largest grassroots sports organisation, supporting Australia's largest disability population, and our multi-sports programs are delivered almost entirely by an army of dedicated volunteers.

All people with an intellectual disability, aged six and over, are welcome to participate regardless of their skills. We just want them to have opportunities to be active, get healthy, make friends and feel part of a community that accepts them and helps them explore their talents.

Our commitment to people with an intellectual disability goes way beyond sport. We want to challenge negative public perceptions surrounding people with an intellectual disability and help them reach their personal best - both on and off the sporting field.

Contact Us

Special Olympics Victoria
Melbourne North
Chairman: Mark File 0432 364 530
Sports: Terry Patterson 0459 919 879
Email: sovmelbnorth@gmail.com

From the Sidelines to the Spotlight

Mary (pictured left) has an intellectual disability and for many years she sat on the sidelines watching her siblings enjoy sport and wondered why people like her couldn't play. There just wasn't a local sports club that catered to her needs.

Then, as she was nearing 30 years of age, Special Olympics was introduced into her local community. She joined straight away. Mary is now in her thirties and she's still participating in regular Special Olympics sports training. She is also a keen competitor and a proud coach, volunteer and ambassador who encourages young athletes to get involved in the program.

"Competing and winning a medal is great and I have won a few throughout my career, but it is the opportunity to be part of a community that makes me happiest. I'm very proud to wear my uniform with the Special Olympics logo on it and I don't want kids to have to wait as long as me to enjoy sport and do their best. Special Olympics has definitely changed my life. It has made me confident and determined and it allows me to set goals and have dreams. I just want other people like me to enjoy being involved in the community."

If Special Olympics didn't exist Mary would probably still be sitting on the sidelines. Instead she now enjoys the spotlight.

Mary Folland, Special Olympics Athlete and All-Rounder,
South Australia
SPORTS OFFERED

AQUATICS
Tuesdays 7.30pm & Sundays 9.15am, Reservoir Leisure Centre
Coach – Adam Pogson M: 0488 258 634

BASKETBALL
2 Sessions Wednesdays, 3pm-4pm and 5pm-6pm at the Croxton School
Coordinator – Adam McKay (Helping Hoops) Ph: 1300 851 810
Coach – Mike Spears (Helping Hoops)

BOCCE
Fortnightly Saturdays, 10am-12pm at the Veneto Club
Coordinator – Sandra Hansen M: 0400 963 245
Coach – Rick Gatto

GOLF
Term 1 and 4 Tuesday afternoons, 5:15pm at the Ivanhoe Golf Club
Coordinator – Mark Files M: 0432 384 530
Coach – Chris Moore

TEN PIN BOWLING
2nd and 4th Saturday every month, 9am at Greensborough Lanes, Oz Ten Pin
Coordinator & Coach – Terry Patterson M: 0459 919 879

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? JOIN TODAY!