Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Here we are at the end of another busy but productive term. We have fitted in a lot in the last 11 weeks! It is now time for everyone to relax and enjoy a well-earned break.

We will have a few staffing changes at the start of term 4
- Josh will be with us for the term with Jodie and her crew in B6
- Cathy will be on leave at the start of the term and Jenny Harris will be back in the office in Cathy’s absence
- Troy will be on leave at the start of the term and will be replaced by Elaine

On Wednesday a group of students attended the State Specialist School hockey competition in Melbourne. The team came third overall and were selected as the State Regional Team. They were presented with shirts and will be invited to play at additional competitions next term. Angie and Troy were very impressed with the level of skill and sportsmanship our students displayed, they were great ambassadors for our school. Thanks to the Wellington Hockey club for their ongoing support of our students and for organising the bus to and from Melbourne. It was a great day.

A big thankyou to our VCAL students who have been carrying out various tasks around the school during this term as part of their “Community Work”. This is great practice leading into Work Experience next term.

We say farewell to Frank McEntee, the manager of Heyfield Bus Lines who has managed our school transport for as long as I can remember. We thank Frank for his work over the years making sure our students get to and from school safely, and wish him all the best for a relaxing and fun filled retirement.

On behalf of all of the staff I’d like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 4 ready for another busy, fun filled term. School resumes on Monday 8th of October.

Regards Shelagh
### Dates to remember

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### Birthdays

- **27th September** - Blake G.
- **23rd September** - Alex
- **14th October** - Jet T.
Room B1  William - for coping with lots of changes.
         Jett - for great work in play skills.
Room B2  Lauren – for being a good friend.
         Mason – for participating really well with table activities.
         Oliver – for wonderful maths work, doing addition with money.
Room B3  Logan – for developing self-regulation strategies.
Room B4  Lily - for showing sustained interest in her PODD book.
         Tayla - for great behaviour on the Junior Sleepover.
         Owen - for choosing a different activity during outside time.
Room B6  Brittany - for great reading and not giving up.
         Alex - for having a shower by himself at his first school sleepover.
         Leona - for a great effort in music.
         Brian - for using great communication in the classroom.
Room C3  Jackson - for improvement in eating his sandwich.
         Dylan - for great thinking in Pattern Block Sudoku.
Room D4  Charles - for excellent interview for work placement.

Personal Goods brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, IPods, IPads, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
HOCKEY VICTORIA STATE COMPETITION

This week on Wednesday 19th September we sent our official school Hockey team (consisting of some Junior and Secondary students) down to Parkville in Melbourne to represent our Wellington Hockey Club in the Hockey Victoria State Specialist School Competition.

Craig from the Wellington Hockey Club has been training our students for the past 5 years and recently coached our official hockey team in preparation for the big competition, they are definitely a credit to his training!

Our Hockey team was placed in the A Grade Mixed completion pool and were competing against all teams in this division including metropolitan teams. Our team representatives were: Casey, Declan, Mitchell, Ned, Crystal, Tyson, Hayley, Tiarna and Charles. They played a total of three games – undefeated in all. We then made it into the Semi Finals and came a draw! Our students played extremely well throughout the competition and narrowly missed out in entering the Grand Final....by one goal!!
Soccer in Moe – a group of students represented the school at the friendship games last week. They all played a fantastic game and had loads of fun, even though it was a little cold and muddy!
Every second Monday I attend R.D.A in Bairnsdale. At R.D.A I learn how to look after horses and ride them. I have also attended gymkhanas and I have done dressage. This is me dressed up for dressage I really enjoy horse riding. By Zoe

Footy colours day was fantastic, all the kids had loads of fun and we raised $183.95 for the farmers.
**Funeral Advice.**

As you are aware Tyren Prydderch passed away last Sunday. The school have expressed sympathy and sent a floral tribute to the family on behalf of the school community. Tyren’s funeral will be held Tuesday 25th September 1.00 pm at 64 Marley St Sale, followed by a private burial. A number of staff will be attending to farewell Tyren and pay respects on behalf of the school.

**Art room news**

Can everyone PLEASE save ice cream containers or any bigger plastic containers for the art room.

Also if anyone has a handyman in the family, grandad or special person who could make some simple boxes? We would use them as dolls houses that we can change around for the early primary play skills programs. We would be so excited if you can help! We could pay for materials and paint the boxes. Please get in touch if you can help us. Thankyou.

Julie

**Buses**

Student transport are bringing in a system to check children on and off the bus using an iPad, information is then accessed by the bus lines and the school.

More details to follow as they become available. Be aware any change of address will take at least one week to go through if the student is on the same bus, but longer if it means a change of bus. If your child does not travel on the bus at the moment but you would like them to travel on the bus next year please let us know, we do have some spare seats. We start planning the 2019 bus routes late October. Travelling on the bus is a great step towards independence.
Bakers Delight Sale will donate 5% of your purchases to Sale & District Specialist School.

Simply mention Sale & District Specialist School when you visit Bakers Delight Sale store, and your purchase will be recorded.

All fundraising efforts help to go towards giving our children the best education they can get.

“Thanks for your support.”
Thankyou to:
Mrs. Sophie Oldf - thanks so much for donating some sensory blankets to our school.
Susan Weeks - thanks for Donating items to the Primary Area.

Victorian disability advocacy futures plan 2018-2020,
or Advocacy futures for short.
The Victorian Government is going to make a plan to help disability advocacy grow and get stronger in the future.
We want to hear from people with disability and families, advocates and carers. Our ideas for Advocacy futures are in the Advocacy futures discussion paper.
The discussion paper is available in a range of formats on the state disability plan website at http://www.statedisabilityplan.vic.gov.au/advocacy-futures
People can provide feedback in a number of ways. This includes by using a survey or a consultation workbook. We can also receive submissions and information by phone, email or by post.
The consultation period closes on 30 September. We would like as many people as possible to provide feedback. Therefore please promote this information widely.
If you have any questions please contact me (details below) or Mark Feigan on 9096

ARALUEN PRIMARY SCHOOL WHEELS FESTIVAL
Date:  Friday 19th October 2018
Time:  4.30pm - 7.30pm
ROULETTES DISPLAY
Food, Entertainment, Photo Competition, Show & Shine, Free Billy Cart Rides,
Vehicle Display, Carnival Rides, Major Raffles  Call 5144211 for more information.

Student Medication
Parents/Carers - a reminder that if students need to receive medication at school, it must be handed to school staff directly by parent/carer, or if student is a bus traveller, medication must be given to the bus chaperone who will then pass it on to school staff. Under no circumstances should medication be placed in schoolbags or carried by students.  **We must also have a current Medication Permission Form to enable staff to administer medication to a student.**
Parents And Carers Group (PACG) news.
Thanks to all who supported the Father’s Day Stall on 30th August. It was great to see the students choosing and paying for a gift to give to their dad or special person. We hope they all had a nice day!!

Our next Parents and Carers Group fundraiser will be the annual Christmas raffle, which always successfully raises money for our school.
Please look out for further details in future newsletters to see how you can contribute!

Do you have families that you are supporting with a school age child on the autism spectrum?
Positive Partnerships are coming to Sale!
Please join us in discussing the upcoming Sale Positive Partnerships workshop on

**DATE: 26th September, 2pm**

**LOCATION: Port of Sale,**
Wayput Room 70 Foster Street, Sale
*parking and easy access from Canal Road

Positive Partnerships is a national program funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) to improve support for school-aged students on the autism spectrum.

We will be able to explore the Positive Partnerships information and tools that can be used by services to support families and young people on the autism spectrum, including those from diverse communities.

It is also an important way to increase our local knowledge and understanding of the area to assist us in the best ways to engage families.

Your attendance at this meeting will be greatly beneficial to the autism community within Wellington.

Karen Tytler the Victorian Team Leader for Positive Partnerships will be present to discuss the program and answer any questions. If you have any queries, please call Julie Storey on 0408013555.

RSVP: 24th September Julie on 0408013555 or autismplans@outlook.com
Lego and Language

Lego is good for building and fine motor skills but it can also be good for communication and social skills.

These holidays try the following to help improve your child’s understanding and use of language.

To Increase Understanding:
Start with simple concepts and following directions:
- Find me one like this.
- Can you find a green block?
- Where is a big block?
- I need a boy.
- Let’s look for a wheel.

Then try more complicated instructions:
- We need one that is red and has 4 bumps. I’m looking for wheels that are not red.
- Can you get me two of these big blue blocks. Find a blue square and a red square.

For older children try asking questions that require more thinking and planning:
- What would we need first to build a truck? What would be our next step?
- What would happen if I swapped this for that?
- Where did I go wrong with this?

To Encourage Language Production:
- Follow their interest – don’t just jump in and ask a hundred questions.
- Stop and watch what they are interested in and then talk about that.
- Always remember the rule: Watch, Announce, Wait, Add (WAWA).

For example, they might be interested in stacking and knocking.
- Add commentary about what they are doing..."Up, up, up, more up, more up.... down! Crash!"
- Then quickly scoop all the blocks to you, offering your child one block and announce ‘Up?’
- Wait for your child to respond with ‘Up!’ (wait up to 4 seconds for them to think, plan).
- Hand your child the block and say ‘Up block!’

You could do this for colour, size, actions, speed (fast, fast fast, slow) and as we know, kids can stack and knock for hours!

Sign of the Week

Term 3 theme: PLACES

DENTIST- Extend and crook dominant index fingers and middle fingers, place beside mouth and move formation down using short, quick movement.

TOWN- touch fingertips of open hands, thumbs closed, together twice, while moving both hands to the dominant side at about chest height.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY - Sale & District Specialist School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. Sale & District Specialist School has zero tolerance for child abuse. Sale & District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the safety of children with a disability as well the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Every person involved in Sale & District Specialist School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.