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Thank you to all the parents and carers, friends and family who attended our whole school assembly on Thursday March the 5<sup>th</sup>. Christine Fyffe presented our Student School Leadership Team with their school badges and it was a great celebration. All of our students elected into Leadership positions have demonstrated their commitment to our school values: being safe, responsible and respectful, and are great ambassadors for our school. The Senior Leadership Team members will have an opportunity during the first week of Term Two to attend a Leadership Camp; this camp will enable them to build upon their team and leadership skills. Thanks go to Matt Shakespeare for organising the election and upcoming camp and to Cheryl Floyd for organising the badges. Our Futures for Young Adults Information Evening held on the same evening for senior students was well attended. The information provided about the program by our Disability Client Services Transition Planners, Claire Walker and Emma Graham was extremely helpful and assists parents / carers with the planning process for post-school placement. Post-school providers Monkami, SCOPE, Melba , Knoxbrooke and Interact also presented and it was very pleasing to hear about the interesting, challenging and engaging programs they offer for young adults. Many thanks to Jenny Brady who organised this evening and the senior teaching team who supported the evening.

Janet Taylor

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### Diary Dates

Thursday March 19th	Junior School Information Night 7.00pm
Thursday March 26th	SoSafe Parent/Carer Information Session 7.00pm
Friday March 27th	End of Term 1 2.00pm Finish for Students
Monday April 13th	Term 2 Begins 9.00am for students
Friday 17th April	Curriculum Day Students do not attend school
Friday 17th April	Parent/Carer Presentation from Dan Petro 7.00pm (More information to follow)

*"a positive culture of life long learning"*

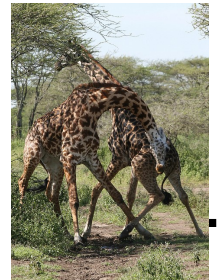


# School News

- Dear Parents
- **Payment of fees in 2015**
- Please note that we have changed our bank account to the **Bendigo Bank** in Mt Evelyn.
- Our Bendigo Bank details are :
- Account Name: Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School
- BSB: 633-000
- Account No: 153524541 and please use your child's name as the reference.
- **EFTPOS is now available at the office**, and for working parents, over-the-phone payments by credit card are also accepted.
- If you are paying by **cheque**, it is vital that you make your cheque out to **Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School**.
- Our bank will no longer accept cheques made payable to Mt Evelyn SDS.
- Teresa Burdeu
- Business Manager

## Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2015

- This year the theme of the festival is "My Favourite Story Book".
- For our school's entry we have chosen the story "Giraffes Can't Dance" as it is all about celebration and "having a go".
- In the art room we are working hard making giraffes for the recycled sculpture competition. We would also like students and their families to dress up for the parade – jungle animal onesies would fit our theme perfectly!
- Don't forget to keep Saturday March the 21<sup>st</sup> free to come along and join in!
- Keep watching for more information soon.



## YARRA RANGES SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are invited to attend an information session on **SoSAFE!** We introduced this teaching program across the school in 2013. This program is designed to promote the social safety of people with moderate to severe intellectual disability. **SoSAFE!** teaches the type and degree of verbal and physical intimacy appropriate with different categories of people, and (at appropriate ages), ways of moving into intimate relationship in a safe and measured way (i.e. meeting people, becoming friends, becoming close friends, becoming boy/girlfriends, and becoming partners). It therefore not only assists with the prevention of abuse but also provides a vital framework for social skills training and sexuality education. This session will provide detailed information about the program and ample opportunity for you to ask questions. We look forward to your attendance as the **SoSAFE!** Program will be most effective when consistently implemented across all areas of the student's life.

**Please note this session is a repeat of the ones held in 2014.**

When: Thursday March 26th at 7:00pm

Where: Atrium

See You There! The **SoSAFE! Team**



Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I /We **are able** to attend the **SoSAFE!** Information meeting on Thursday March 26th at 7:00pm

**OR**

Sorry I /We are **unable** to attend the **SoSAFE!** Information meeting on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

# MARCH 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5 Whole School Assembly Giving of Badges to elected School and House Captains Special Guest Christine Fyffe	6	7	8
9 Labor Day Holiday	10	11	12	13 Newsletter	14	15
16	17	18	19 Junior School Information Night 7.00pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 SoSafe Information session for parents/carers 7.00pm	27 Newsletter Term 1 Ends 2.00pm finish for Students	28	29
30	31					

# APRIL 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Term 2 Begins	14	15	16 Newsletter	17 Curriculum Day Dan Petro Presentation for Parents 7.00pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



# KIDS CREW

KIDS INCLUSIVE DISABILITY SUPPORT

**K.I.D.S Crew School Holiday Program**

For children aged 5-16 with a disability



The K.I.D.S Crew Holiday Program enables children of all abilities to access a range of activities throughout the school holiday period. Individuals can enjoy a variety of activities at two Melbourne locations.

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