Week 2 27th April 2015

ANZAC Assembly

On Friday the students participated in a special assembly commemorating ANZAC Day. During the week they talked about ANZAC day and what it means. They all made a poppy in class and placed it on the board, and then the whole school was quiet during the last post which made all the staff very proud.
Welcome to term two

The first week of term can be described in one word—WET. It has been 12 months since we moved into our new school and we were certainly grateful that we were not still in temporary accommodation or our previous building where there was no covered walkways and students needed to leave their rooms (and buildings) to go to the toilet. Although they were limited to inside activities and were a little agitated by this they all coped very well and remained focused on learning.

Last term the secondary section of our school attended an excursion to Parliament House. The students all travelled by public transport and had a wonderful day in the city. Thank you to the parents who attended on the day to assist, your support is greatly appreciated. Photos from the day are included in this edition as the excursion occurred at the end of week nine. We are hoping to provide many similar opportunities for our students as learning to travel by public transport is an important skill for our students regardless of whether they will eventually be independent travellers or not.

Last Friday we conducted our ANZAC Day assembly which was a great success. Thank you to our families for ensuring our students wore school uniform despite the lack of drying days that week. Our students responded well to both the materials presented in class and the assembly. We have made it a major feature of this week’s newsletter as it was a very special ANZAC day being the centenary service for remembrance of the original Gallipoli landings.

I have also included some information on some upcoming events of which some families may be interested; the Sunshine Transition to Work (TTW) program and an upcoming webinar on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Even if your child is not in the final years of school it is a good idea to become familiar with the options available when the time comes and information on how the NDIS may operate and what your role will be in it is essential.

Looking forward to a drier week

Christine
‘Getting Ready’: Living the life I want to live
(a free workshop for people with physical disability)

Final date added for people in Western Sydney in preparation for their transition to the NDIS

The focus of the workshop is gaining more control over your life by identifying what is important to you, set goals and make a plan to achieve goals:

• Provide opportunity for individuals through discussion and personal reflection, to identify and focus on what is important to them
• Assist individuals in identifying skills and supports, they may need to attain their specific goal
• Gain information about funding initiatives
• Enable greater self awareness and confidence in individuals
• Interactive workshop learning from the experiences of others

“Getting ready” is a consumer capacity building activity as part of Together 2 an initiative of Ageing, Disability & Resources, Department of Family & Community Services NSW

Developed by people with physical disability, for people with physical disability, facilitated by people with physical disability
On the 27th of March twenty four students from the four secondary classes went on a very successful and enjoyable excursion to the city. The group took the train to the city changing trains at Wynyard and on to St. James Station. We were very lucky with the weather being perfect so we had our morning tea sitting on steps at Hyde Park before walking to Parliament House for a tour of the Lower House (Green Room) with some students invited to sit in the “Speaker’s” chair or speak in the microphones. Ten students also went to the Upper House (Red Room) for a tour while the rest of the group walked to and around the Botanic Gardens where we all later met for our picnic lunch. All students behaved beautifully by staying with the group at all times, waiting for, boarding and exiting trains, walking together and crossing roads safely.

Thank you to all parents for your support with getting OPAL cards and preparing your child for the excursion and sending appropriate food for their travel and picnic style eating. Thank you to the staff and volunteers supporting the students. Everyone was happy and relaxed and a credit to our school.
**St Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp**

**10-13th December 2015**

At Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, we take great pleasure in holding an annual four day holiday camp for children with physical and intellectual disabilities.

The camp aims to provide a fun camp for children with disabilities, give children opportunities they might not otherwise experience and offer respite to families at no cost and it also offers our senior students a wonderful opportunity to serve others.

For further information please contact Heather Cloudsdale or Tina Bray on 044 450 320 St Ignatius' College Riverview, Tambourine Bay Rd Lane Cove. Email: ichc@riverview.nsw.edu.au,
NDIS webinar: Tips for families and carers
Join our free webinar on Wednesday 29 April 2016
1pm to 2pm (AEDT)

The NDIS is leading the way in providing individualised disability support. It is tailored to your goals and aspirations and focuses on what you can do, not what you can't.

Tune in to our upcoming webinar to hear our panel discuss their experiences and tips for families and carers on preparing for the NDIS.

Sue Salthouse, Convenor of Women With Disabilities ACT, will MC the webinar.

You can submit questions before or during the webinar by:
• using the hashtag NDISwebinar on Twitter or Facebook
• calling us on 1800 800 110
• emailing us at engagement@ndis.gov.au

Watch our previous NDIS webinars on the NDIS website.

Join the webinar: click here
27th April — P&C Meeting
20th May — Post School Options Expo
25th May — School Photos
5th June — Vaccinations
26th June — Last day term 2
13th July — Staff Development Day
14th July — Students Return
18th Sept — Last day term 3

6th Oct — Students Return
6th Nov — Vaccinations
16th Dec — Last Day Term 4

(Please note: Newly added events will be in **bold**)

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