This week students from across the school planted over 250 indigenous plants and trees at school. Luckily the weather was perfect and so we all had loads of fun. Last summer we had a very hot and dry period so we lost a number of plants. With our soil damp and a head start before summer, these plants will surely survive and thrive. They will provide shelter and food for many birds and insects. A great contribution for increasing our biodiversity. Thankyou to Peter from Landcare and to everyone involved. Michelle Ward
This term room 4 students have been going to Venus Bay for our Duke of Ed program. Students have enjoyed having a BBQ lunch at the Park. They have also made the most of the swings and the basketball ring during our outing. We have also been going to the Duck Pond in Leongatha to feed the ducks and have a quick walk around the pond. Tracey Kenyon
This week's Award Winners

Room 1: Wyatt for being friendly. Jaylen and Blake for good learning.

Room 2: Will, Saxon and Ayla for safe behaviour when on an excursion in the community.

Room 3: Tom C. for being so friendly and welcoming to our new student, Lachlan.

Room 4: Alex for doing a fantastic job joining in the group during class.

Room 5: Jayden for doing an excellent job whilst on work experience.
EVENTS THIS TERM

$19,241 raised so far

PARENTS & FRIENDS
President: Kris Vallay  Secretary: Jodie Lennon  Treasurer: Tona O’Connor

Next meeting: Monday 15th August, 2016 @ 10.30am at SGSS for a coffee and chat. New members needed. Please contact Jodie via the office if you are interested.

All Welcome

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Next weeks Award Winners
All parents and carers welcome

Room 1: Corey for completing all work tasks asked of him.
Room 2: Jake L. for being brave by getting straight into the water and trying to swim.
Room 3: Murray for having a go and doing his best around the animals at RDA.
Room 4: Lachlan for a great start to his new school.
Room 5: Jordan for being resilient and mature.

NDIS Information Session brought to you by AMAZE Victoria

Wednesday September 7th, 2016 @ 1.45pm
Venue: South Gippsland Specialist School
Cubby house construction for junior playground

By Breelle Vanloo

Recently we went into the classroom to find lots of large coloured plastic pieces. We were told that together they made a cubby house, and our job was to put them together with no instructions. At first we struggled to figure out how to build the cubby, but it was exciting when pieces started to fit together. Together we figured out which pieces were the sides and which bits were the corners. Blake found the roof and tried to put it on, but as a group we realized we had to build the whole house first and the roof had to go on last.

Once we were able to build the cubby, we took the pieces to the junior sandpit. Noah came out and helped us put the cubby together. The room 5 students showed Noah how to build the cubby, and then Noah, with our help was able to put all the pieces together. The photo shows everyone that worked together to build the cubby house.

Trivia Night Success!!

What a great night our recent Trivia Night was. $11,200 raised by the Parents & Friends Club for the Bike Track.
Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week for our students and staff at South Gippsland Specialist School. Nice to see our students working hard on their goals and happily attempting all tasks set for them.

SSG’s

This is the time of the year when teachers are trying to arrange SSG meetings with families in order to discuss your child’s progress. If your child’s teacher has not already had a meeting with you, then please expect this to happen within the next week. It is very important that you are a part of your child's educational learning goals.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Last week all families were mailed a Parent Opinion Survey. Could families please return them in the envelope that was provided as soon as possible. This information is confidential and sent to the Department for analysing. Results are shared with schools at the end of the year so we can plan for improvements for the following year. Your feedback is appreciated.

Horse Riding Program

This week Room 3 students started the new horse riding program at Bevis Equine Education in Nyora. The students were introduced to the volunteers and some of the horses. They learnt about how to be safe around them and even had a brush. We are really looking forward to this program being a great success for our students.

Please return forms on Monday otherwise students will not be able to ride.

Community Partnership

This term we have formed two new community partnerships with two local services around the use of the school's Pool. Muir Swimming will be running accredited swimming lessons after school two days a week. If any parents would like further information about Dylan's swimming program, please contact the office for details. We are also having Yooralla - Frist Base Clients using our pool on a Thursday afternoon. Many of their clients are former members of our school. School Council are delighted to be developing these two community partnerships and look forward to this ongoing relationship with these two community groups.

Trivia Night

Last Saturday night, the Parents and Friends Club ran their first Trivia Night. It was a huge success and raised over $11,000 to go towards our planned bike track. A huge thankyou to Helen Nicholls for all her hard work selling raffle tickets and contacting companies for donations. There were around 150 people who attended the evening and enjoyed the games and activities on the night. Thank-you to Tania and Andrew for hosting the night.

Thankyou

This morning I was given a celebration by members of our School Council, staff and students for “Happy Principals Day”. Thank you for the whole school breakfast and the lovely flowers. It is an honour to be the Principal of South Gippsland Specialist School with such wonderful students, staff and parents.

Doctor Michael Nowotny consult

Dr Nowotny is booked to come on October 11th so if you would like to make an appointment please contact the office.

Term 3 events

In Term 3 we have a number of exciting events coming up.

August 25th - Book Week Dress Up Day - Australiana Theme

September 9th - School Concert followed by a light lunch.

September 16th - End of Term 3

Have a great weekend.

Heather Braden  Principal

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