# CALENDAR EVENTS

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<td><strong>Farewell</strong></td>
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<td>After many years of teaching service to VCD El Mathais is retiring. We wish her all the best for the future and whatever lies ahead. El has been an active staff member at the school educating many generations of deaf students. Best wishes El and enjoy the next exciting phase of your life.</td>
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<td><strong>End of Term 3</strong></td>
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<td>Just to remind parents that we will be finishing school on Friday at the usual time. Students will be dismissed at 3.10 pm and arrive home at the same time as usual.</td>
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<td><strong>School Review</strong></td>
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<td>On Friday 9th October the school will be undertaking a school review. A panel will be meeting with staff to review the past four years, curriculum, student wellbeing and pathways. On the review panel will be Mac Adams from school council, Jill Duncan Director VDEI, Colin Schot Principal Sunshine Specialist School and myself. Graham Boal our School Council President will be joining the review for the last part of the day as we develop our recommendations for the future. Following the review day and our recommendations we will then write a four year strategic plan. This strategic plan will be placed on our website at the end of the year for the school community. I will keep you informed through the newsletter of the recommendations and the strategic plan. It is an exciting time for VCD as we fine tune and further develop our curriculum and school processes.</td>
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<td><strong>Term 4—Sunsmart</strong></td>
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<td>It is that time of year when we remind parents about the wearing of hats in term 4. It is vital that our children learn to wear a hat and put sunscreen on when they go out to protect them from the dangers of too much sun. Even on cloudy days the UV rays can be harmful. At the beginning of term 4 all primary students will need a hat to be able to play outside. It is also an excellent idea to put a small bottle or tube of sunscreen in your child’s bag so they can put it on before they go out to play.</td>
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<td><strong>Holiday Activities</strong></td>
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<td>There are many activities for Deaf students over the holidays that they can participate in. Please refer to the parent information page a the back of this newsletter. Also check with DCA as they are organising activities over the two weeks for deaf children and their families.</td>
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**Finance Committee Meeting**
Thursday 17th September
4-5 pm

**School Council Meeting**
Thursday 17 September
5 - 7 pm
VCD staffroom

**Last Day of Term 3**
Friday 18th September
School finishes at the same time 3.10 pm

**Term 4 Commences**
Monday 5th October

**School Review Day**
Friday 9th October
9.30 am to 2 pm

**New Families Morning**
Tuesday 27th October
10am - 12 noon

**Deaf Sports Day Primary**
Thursday 29th October
VCE students are coming to their final weeks of study and are now preparing for their final exams. VCAL students are also ensuring that their Learning Outcomes have been completed. The school year finishes in October/November for senior years students, but all will be involved in our two week ahead start program to prepare them for next year. Now is an important time to be discussing VCAL and VET subjects your child can access next year.

Student ILP's are all displayed on compass: please contact your child's home room teacher if you are unable to access the Compass Program.

With the school holidays coming up, here are a number of activities organised for Deaf children. We encourage you to look at the DCA holiday program and also the kids tennis activity advertised on our VCD Facebook page.
School Wide Positive Behaviours

Student Well Being
Each week at our VCD Assembly we present students with certificates signifying them displaying Positive School Wide Behaviours and demonstrating our values: PRIDE, LEARNING, RESPECT, RESILIENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

if your child receives a certificate, we encourage you to praise them and display their award at home. We have certainly found that rewarding students for good behaviour has lead to an improvement in our school culture. Students are all very aware of the school values and recognise when they have displayed them.

Student of the Week

Term 3 Week 9
Primary - Misha Elia
Secondary - Dilpreet Kaur

Term 3 Week 10
Primary - Shae Bell
Secondary - Zeline Briones

SRC - qualities of a student representative

What makes a good student representative? Below are the three areas identified by the Department of Education of what students need to represent the other students on the SRC. I would encourage parents to look at the capabilities and help their children to develop them. The capabilities identified are transferable to life beyond school and will be of value to our students when they leave us and enter the workforce or further training.

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<td>Good student representatives are capable of engaging with people at an individual level. They can talk with everyone from the class clown to the principal in a one-on-one situation. They are approachable, personable, good listeners and can hold their own in a tense negotiation.</td>
<td>This is about communicating with a wide range of audiences. Ideal student representatives understand the student body as a whole and the diversity within it. They are confident public speakers who can also write newsletter articles and have enough artistic flair to design an appealing poster campaign.</td>
<td>Being busy people, good student representatives are naturally organised. They manage their time well so as to balance meetings and behind-the-scenes SRC work – but still get their homework done and on time. They are strong on implementing the decisions and actions of the SRC and great at organising events down to the last detail.</td>
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**Parent Information**

**DAREBIN ARTS’ LOUDMOUTH AND POLYGLOT THEATRE PRESENT...**

**Separation Street**

a collaboration between Polyglot Theatre and The Suitcase Royale.

_In association with Melbourne Fringe_

19 Sept – 4 Oct  |  Northcote Town Hall

Book tickets at darebinarts.com.au/loudmouth or melbournefringe.com.au or call 9481 9500

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**MY CIRCUS**

Mixed Ability Youth - Circus Arts Program in 2015

**Check out our website for the full program**

Finalist Initiative of the Year 2014 Disability Sport and Recreation Awards

**FULL DAY SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

_FOR DEAF, HOH & CODA YOUNG PEOPLE_

**WHEN:** Thursday October 1st , 10am-3pm  
**WHERE:** Northcote Town Hall,  
189 High St, Northcote  
**COST:** FREE  
**AGE:** 9-20

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**AUSLAN INTERPRETED CLASS in Term 4**

Pick any class from our timetable. The most popular choice will be interpreted so let us know which one you want!

**WHEN:** after school and on Saturdays  
**WHERE:** Westside Circus Hub,  
2/29 Cameron St, Brunswick  
**COST:** $240 for the term  
**AGE:** 5-25

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**We want to know what YOU want!**

_SET IN TOUCH AND TELL US WHAT YOU WANT & we’ll see if we can make it happen!_