PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Every Face has a Place

The feedback from last week’s Welcome Evening has been overwhelmingly positive. Our aim was to provide a place and time where the school community could gather informally and interact with new and known friends. I think this was achieved well and Gemma Martin’s speech, both in content and delivery, shows what great kids we have, and can have in our community. The self-portrait flags are making their way back to school and will surely be an impressive sight when hung in the undercover shelter. (It will help make this a friendlier and welcoming space for GameZone and other lunchtime activities)

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PST MEETINGS - A partnership for achievement

Tomorrow’s PST meetings aim to develop a positive and productive partnership between parents, students and teachers allowing students to aim high and achieve in 2016. Parents, students and teachers all have a role in this conversation.

The prompt question for the PSTs is: **How can we support the student to achieve in 2016?** (academic, social, emotional, physical).

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Brett Smith
RAISING CONCERNS
As a school, we endeavour to provide open communication with families and carers and pride ourselves on the very high approachability score on the Parent Opinion Survey. If you have any concerns with your child’s academic, social or emotional wellbeing, we are very happy to work in partnership with you to support your child. If you have concerns it is important to make prompt contact with the appropriate staff member. The following diagram will guide you to the correct person to approach. A full version of the Raising Concerns and Complaints policy is on our school website.

Concerns and complaints relating to student learning and specific student incidents in the teacher’s class

Classroom Teacher or Specialists

If unresolved, referred to...

School Principal determines appropriate process

Resolution

Golden Rule: If your child raises an issue, contact the school so the full picture of the incident can be investigated and explained. Children naturally only tell their side of the story.

CONVENIENCE VS SAFETY
- Use the crossing, it’s there for student safety.
It has been brought to our attention that an increasing number of families are dropping off and picking up students in Geale Street, especially near the staff car park. This is a busy and dangerous road and we would prefer, for the safety of the students, that children are dropped off and picked up in McKitterick Street, where they can safely cross the road with the School Crossing Supervisor, Eileen. There is ample car parking near the Stadium.
Problems with Geale St drop-off are:
➢ The drains and slope in Geale St are quite hazardous. We have been told that this area is not a priority for the Shire to improve.
➢ Where students disembark is quite dangerous.
➢ The gravel around the driveway and the driveway itself becomes congested and often blocked.
➢ Despite being a permanent 40 kph speed zone, this is not always observed by through traffic.

EVERY FACE HAS A PLACE AT TVPS
Thanks everyone who attended last Thursday night’s welcome evening. It was a relaxed and enjoyable chance to catch up with familiar faces and a chance to meet some new ones too! We hope you and your children have enjoyed the chance to work on their self-portrait together. We’ve heard of some families planning to add the odd embroidered feature here and a bit of bling there, we are really looking forward to hanging these individual faces. Please encourage your child to return their work tomorrow, Thursday 3rd March so we can hang them. If your child needs help please have them return their unfinished work and myself or Tania will help them out. Thanks again, on behalf of the KidsMatter Action Team. Kath Gilbert

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
We are calling interest from parents and carers to join our School Council. Membership on School Council allows parents and carers the opportunity to represent the parent/carer community and input into the directions of the school. If you are interested or would like some details, please see me or contact Cathy Waldron. Nomination and self nomination forms are available in the office area or the website.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your child needs medicine at school, a Medical Management form needs to be completed. (see website)

Good Luck Bodhi and Lucas at the Division Swimming Carnival this Friday !!!

Relay For Life
Casual Dress Day
Wear purple, white and/or yellow on Friday 4th March to support the local Relay for Life. A gold coin donation is required and will be forwarded onto the local Relay for Life Committee.
IT USER AGREEMENT
The Years 4-6 IT User Agreement is being distributed this week. This agreement will allow students to access our various devices, the internet and cloud storage. If you have ANY questions please feel confident to ring me for any clarifications. The form needs to be discussed and returned to school by March 24th. The Agreement can be found on our website. (http://www.tarwinvalleyps.vic.edu.au/news.html)

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
😊 Rose S for showing care and compassion to all classmates, each and every day. What a wonderful friend.
😊 Alex J for great listening and sensible participation in Tabloid Sports.
😊 Shannon B for being a great leader at Tabloid Sports and allowing others a turn at the front of the line.
😊 Scott M for responding in a positive manner to feedback.
😊 Jordan F for the energised enthusiasm he displays in learning opportunities.
😊 Jen M for working co-operatively as part of the team to get the calico flag packs ready for our Welcome Evening.
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😊 Ruby C for working co-operatively as part of the team to get the calico flag packs ready for our Welcome Evening.
😊 Prep R for being ready to learn and doing so.
😊 Darcy K for writing letters the correct size through concentration and thinking.
😊 Katreena P for excellent thinking skills and self-management during group work whilst cooking Zucchini muffins.
😊 Kyeshaw W for being brave and courageous asking for help using terrific self-management whilst in cooking group work.

HOUSE POINTS

Last Week’s Winner: Bluegum & Wattle  Overall Winner: Waratah & Wattle

Easter Raffle:
Parents & Friends next fundraiser is our annual Easter egg raffle, drawn on the last day of Term 1. To make this school fundraiser successful we are asking for each family to donate one egg per child for the raffle. Please send them along to school as soon as possible so they can be collated into prizes. Raffle book have been sent home with next week’s newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications.

They are not considered school activities

Volleyball:
Come and join SPIKEZONE, a volleyball program for 8 yrs old and up where you learn the skills to play volleyball. Thursday nights 6-7pm at Leongatha SPLASH stadium. For more information call Liselott Webster 0407 130 805.

Foster Family Fete:
Sunday 27th March, Foster Primary School will be hosting the Foster Family Fete with an aim to raise funds to support the improvement of resources and facilities across all departments within the school. What a better way to spend an Easter Sunday with the family enjoying;

Activities & Attractions include: Ripper Rides, Fabulous Foods, Creative Cakes, Marvellous Music, Adventurous Activities, Photo Booth, Graffiti Wall, Spinning Wheel, Monster Garage Sale, Competitions

Shave for a Cure – Fundraiser:
Irene Thorson and Maddie Brew, Year 9 students at Leongatha Secondary College are shaving off their long locks to raise money for Cancer. The girls are teaming up with Jayne Scott of Avonleigh Farm Fine Food to host a “Shave for a Cure” Afternoon Tea. They will be offering a range of delectable treats on Saturday 5th March from 2-5pm. The cost of the Afternoon Tea is $35 per person, with all profits supporting the girls. A little live music will be provided by the college students and home-made biscuits and cakes will also be for sale. Avonleigh is located at 42 Thorsons Road, Tarwin. Bookings essential - 5664 7264.