PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week’s Volunteer’s Week was a great success. The aim of the week was to celebrate and acknowledge all the people who contribute to our school and broader communities whilst fostering community spirit and understanding of our students—the next generation.

The week was launched with Lucas’ mother Adriana, explaining her role as a volunteer coordinator. This was followed by a shared morning tea. Each day we had mini assemblies where volunteers spoke to the children about how and why they volunteer. Harold and Ethel shared how they contribute to our community through MACS, committees and community projects. Did you know Harold help build the stone bridge at the Rotunda? Volunteer Julie told of her volunteering with St Vinnies and many other projects. Geoff Cooling spoke about CFA volunteering and Marilyn Mackie shared all she does with one of her volunteering roles—Red Cross.

Over the week it made me realise, whilst we are extensively connected online, we still need to interact face-to-face to contribute to many community based services and events. We still need people to deliver meals on wheels, put out fires, knit Trauma Teddies for kids in need, crochet blankets for the old and homeless, feed hungry firefighters, run Auskick, cook the BBQ on ANZAC Day, coordinate Australia Day Celebrations, coach netball teams and clothe people in emergencies to name but a few.

The vibrant Tarwin Valley community thrives on the goodwill, interest and effort of our treasured volunteers and hope the students value this and invest themselves in their community now and in the future.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew

Welcome

We welcome Emma Lester to our staff and school. Emma has been teaching Visual Arts this term and has successfully applied for our Numeracy Intervention and Support role. She will be working with small groups and individual students as well as continuing the art program.

Brett Smith

DRESS CODE FOR BALLARAT CAMP

Days 1 and 3, students can wear casual clothes.

Day 2 (at Sovereign Hill) Tarwin Valley uniform is to be worn.

Volunteers Assembly and Morning Tea
**WANTED**

We are looking for **large** flags that could be used to decorate the school for the family social evening ‘Around the World in 90 minutes’ on Friday 3rd June.

**ST JOHN’S FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS**

All students attended a free St John’s First Aid in Schools session yesterday. Tina the facilitator taught the students many first aid skills appropriate to their age level.

She recommended the *Emergency Plus* app to easily access emergency and location services. Another great app to share with your children and learn safety and decision making in emergencies is the *Triple Zero Kids’ Challenge*.

**BOOK CLUB**

Issue 4 catalogues have been distributed today. All orders are to be placed using the LOOP app or via the Scholastic website. All orders close by COB Friday 3rd June.

**COMPASS**

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please submit an absence notification via Compass.

To do this using the Compass App:

- Log in
- Tap your child’s photo
- Go to the Approvals tab
- Tap the +
- Complete the details

Log-In

Due to the Compass’ technical issue last week, a number of parents have had difficulty logging back in. If you have any issues or require your password, please contact the school.

**Credit Card Payments**

Unfortunately we do not have the facilities at TVPS to process credit card payments. Please disregard the credit card option at the bottom of the consent forms (we are not able to remove this option). Most payments can be made by cash, cheque, direct debit, BPAY or using CSEF funds.

**KIDSMATTER**

**KidsMatter Update – POOCHing a Problem**

Positive wellbeing and our level of resilience is impacted by our ability to problem solve when faced with daily issues. With this in mind we are teaching the younger students to POOCH a problem. First of all we ask ‘Is it really a problem?’ and ‘Whose problem is it?’ Once we established there was a problem we then looked at an option. We used a common playground issue – someone is excitedly swooshing sand around the sandpit. We agreed it was a problem because it might hurt someone. Together the students came up with 6 possible options – move away, ask the student to stop, use the 5 Finger Plan, explain that it’s upsetting others, hop out of the sandpit, turn my back so my eyes are safe. We were really encouraged to see that in this instance students were being independent and not relying on adult intervention. We then looked at the possible outcome for each option and had the children consider ‘Would I be happy with that?’ Children, using their wonderful imagination, made a choice and decided if they were happy with the outcome. This ability to independently problem solve is a great lifelong skill and, as one of our teachers demonstrated, is one adults use on a daily basis.

Q. Why do the French like to eat snails so much?

A. They can’t stand fast food.

**LOST UNIFORM**

Brody McEwan is missing his Year 6 school jumper which has his name on it. Please check jumpers brought home from school.
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

😊 Cooper K for using his ‘bucket filling’ skills to encourage and support the learning of his peers.

😊 Jarvis L for combining great effort at school and at home with his learning to achieve great progress with his spelling.

😊 Lenny M for asking interesting and relevant questions during Volunteers Week.

😊 Kyra P for demonstrating ‘bucket filling’ words and actions while working with the Preps.

😊 Farrah V for her ever present positive attitude to all aspects of her learning.

😊 Ms Niziorski for organising an informative and valuable Volunteers Week.

YARD DRAW AWARD

😊 Dylan H for welcoming Tarwin Lower Primary School kids.

HOUSE POINTS

Last Week’s Winner: Wattle & Bluegum

Overall Winner: Bluegum

VOX POP

What is your favourite thing to have for lunch?

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NARRATIVES FROM 1GH

Sparkles and Sophia
Sparkles and Sophia live in the water.
They found a broken boat and they went in the boat and they saw a shark.
They swam and swam to the castle and they were safe.
Sarah

The Avengers
The Avengers live on the Hover carrier.
They fight the darkest evils in the galaxy.
The Avengers won.
Darcy

Tigers and Emma
The tigers are hunting deer and the tigers catch an antelope.
They ate the antelope but the little tigers did not get some dinner.
They growled at the greedy tigers so the greedy tigers caught dinner for the little tigers.
Emma

Super Bonds
One day there was a man called Super Bonds, he had super powers.
One day he met a person called Mr Cheeky, they both live in the city.
One day they had a fight then they figured it out they became friends again.
Brody

Emma and Sarah
Emma and Sarah went to a play centre and were on the very big slide and had heaps of fun.
But then Sarah got hurt so they asked to have an ice pack and then it bled so they asked for a band aid.
Then it didn’t bleed so they went to play, then they went home.
Adele

Four Ninja Turtles
Four Ninja Turtles lived in the city.
The bad guys were attacking the city.
The Ninja Turtles stopped the bad guys.
Charlie

Bucking Bulls
Once upon a time there were bulls called Rough Man, Big Horn, Hairy Man and Thunder at the rodeo.
They bucked then they raced.
They ran away and the cattle trucks went to catch the bulls and start the show.
Conner

At home with my family
Kyra and her family went to the park and then there was a big storm.
Everyone got wet and cold then they had to go back home.
When they got home they got into bed.
Kyra
COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communication.
They are not considered school activities

Inverloch and District ASD Support Group:
Parents, family and carers of children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder are warmly invited to the next meeting on 1st June, 10.30-12.30 at Inverloch Hub (16 A’Beckett St). Tea and coffee provided. For more information, phone Julie on 5667 4248 or Tona 0407 622 949 tonaleo@me.com

South Gippsland Carers next meeting:
South Gippsland Carers is a group of carers and families of people with additional needs and frail aged. We are there for all carers who live in the South Gippsland region, and we provide support, social get-togethers, information sharing and regular meetings. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month from Feb – Nov, Memorial Hall Meeting Room 2 Michael Place Leongatha (opposite the Post Office). For more information phone Heather: 56 689 243
Our next meeting is on 24 May,10am – 12noon. All welcome.

Around the World in 90 Minutes
Friday June 3rd

A fun family evening for the TVPS community.

Adults "depart" for international games and challenges at 7.00pm from the Shared Space. Bonus points for those who display or carry an international travel item through the door!

Door prize and other prizes awarded on the night.

Students and siblings (whose parents/carers are attending) head to the Kids Lounge (Room 3) for movie, popcorn and a warm milo. Dress for Kids’ Lounge – PJs & dressing gown. BYO teddy bear, comfy cushion and water

Early Bird tickets available now - please return this form to the office.
$10 per adult - includes child/ren entrance to Kids’ Lounge

Name: ______________________________________
Number and Name of Adults Attending: ________  Number of Student Attending:
Amount Enclosed: $______________

Please note your ‘Boarding Pass’ will be collected at the door on the night