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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Firstly I'd like to take the opportunity to say how excited I am about being chosen to lead Tarwin Valley as Principal. The last two terms have provided a wonderful learning platform for what this task entails and I'm looking forward to the challenge. The timing of becoming Principal has worked out perfectly as our school embarks on a School Review at the start of 2019. This review will provide direction for the next 4 years. Before this however, we need to complete a pre-review by looking at data from students, surveys; talking to key stakeholders about their thoughts on the development of our school and setting some general goals before major review next year. Not only members of the Tarwin Valley community get involved in this process. An outside reviewer is assigned to critique and direct our thoughts and decisions and two 'critical friends' (often Principals from other schools) are conscripted to provide a different view point throughout the actual review. As you can see this is a very thorough process and one we look forward to. There will be different opportunities for parents to have their say on the direction of our school and we encourage you to get involved in these opportunities.

From the 29th October to 2nd November our school will have two Cambodian teachers on placement in our school. Our school was approached by Marty from Moos, who has spent his annual holidays for the past few years working with this group, to take part in this exciting opportunity. The organisation is called OHA Siem Reap 'Open Eyes' and it provides these educators with the opportunity to see education in an Australian school. We hope they enjoy their time with us and learn plenty. Likewise we look forward to hearing their stories about education in Cambodia.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

ABSENCE NOTES

Families with unexplained absences for this year have letters attached to this newsletter. All we ask is that you indicate why your child was away and sign the end of the form before returning it to school. It shouldn't take more than a minute to do. Please assist us in reducing the unnecessary number of unexplained absences we have (as of today we have 125 half days). Let's work together to get this down to **ZERO**. Thank you.

TALENT SHOW

- ❖ Auditions will be held on the 24th of October
- ❖ They will be held in the shared space at lunchtime
- ❖ The people that make it through will go on to the next round and so on
- ❖ On the 31st of October we will announce the winner
- ❖ You can do any act but nothing involving animals

So come and try out :)

Kirra W

CALENDAR

This week 17/10– 24/10

18th Oct – Science Olympics (Yr 6-LSC students)

23rd Oct - Book club orders close COB

Upcoming

26th Oct – P-2 Athletics

29th Oct – Bricks4Kids payment due (Yrs 1-3)

30th Oct - Prep Beach Excursion

30th Oct – P-2 Swimming Consent due

1st Nov – Class of 2019 uniform orders due COB

1st Nov – Kanga Cricket Tournament

5th Nov – Pupil free day

6th Nov – Melbourne Cup Day (pupil free)

9th Nov – P-2 Swimming Program commences

13th Nov – Bricks4Kids Incursion (Yr 1-3)

13th Nov – Yr 6 xmas cake decorating

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 1:50pm to be included.

Wednesday Gathering

Our weekly Wednesday gatherings will commence at 3.00 this term.

No Assembly today due to swimming program.

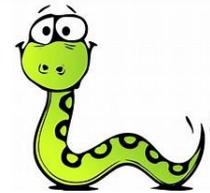



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Year 2 Snake Stories



I was filling the birdbath two years ago at Grandma and Opa's and a snake came out. I was scared so we rang Neil and he got rid of the snake and I knew it was 1.7m, the most deadly with 44mg of poison, so it was a tiger snake and it was taken to bushland. I was happy and sad because that's where my nanna's home is.

Oliver

About one year ago at Walkerville, I was riding my bike on the rocky rail trail, then I felt a bump so I stopped the bike to see what it was. It was a huge tiger snake with its head chopped off. So I ran off screaming to mum and dad. When I got to them I told them what happened and where it was. Dad got a shovel and put the dead snake onto the shovel then he put it in the bin. After that I felt calm.

Angus

Last year when it was summer and very hot, my family and I were walking along the rail trail. I saw a snake. I freaked out then I decided to look forward and ignore it. I thought for a moment and I said to myself, it looks just like a tiger snake. So I thought of something else. The tiger snake was staring hard at me in a little river cave beside me. I didn't tell my mum or dad because they might freak out. I felt so scared that day.

Charlotte

On the first week of the holidays, daddy and I went to Baxter's wetland. We went because daddy had to do some photography work. While we were walking, daddy saw something slithering on the path. I went close to see what it was. Then I shouted "snake". Daddy ran over to take a photo. When he just got there, it slithered away into the bushes. But in fact, dad quickly got a photo. After that I felt exhausted.

Matilda

About two years ago, my cousin Aida and her mum and dad saw a tiger snake at their old house at Sandy Point. They heard their dog Jacky barking. They all went outside to see what he was barking about. Then they saw a big tiger snake. Then Aida's dad got an axe and sliced it like he chopped a sandwich. Then they went back inside. When I heard the story, I was shocked!

Lenny