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Supervision Times: **8:15 Morning Bus Duty** **8:30-Morning Yard Duty**

-4:00 Afternoon Bus Duty

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ATTENDANCE

Each government school in Victoria is classified according to their data and fortunately, we are in the STRETCH category. This indicates that we are gradually improving due to our strategies and combined efforts to improve. The only area of concern is **attendance** which is in the TRANSFORM category which means we, as a community, need to address and improve it. Our average attendance rate is below the state average and declining. We will be working on this area in 2018 through different strategies. Some easy and quick ways are:



- Students are only absent with a school approved reason (illness, funeral, family holiday, medical appointment etc)
- Every day is important to connect learning and friendships
- Students should never be given the **option** to stay home-they should be at school
- School is notified when there is an absence (We prefer Compass)

If there is a school based issue affecting attendance, then please make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher or me to remedy the situation.

Transition Follow Up

There will be a casual Q and A session under the shade sails at 3:00pm on February 13th. If you have any questions about school processes, events or anything else that has arisen since starting school, feel free to gather then.

Speaking of gathering, we have our Wednesday Gatherings starting at 2:50 on Wednesdays. This is a student led assembly where we gather to celebrate achievements and have fun together as a school community. Please feel free to attend, bring a friend!

The chickens have settled well into their new home. After a week 'learning' their new accommodation, they now wander the pen scratching, eating and enjoying dust baths in the sun before returning to the chook shed for the evening. They will soon be able to venture further out into the schoolyard. I have noticed retirement homes are using chickens for therapy and my niece's school has chickens that wander the grounds and hallways. They add another nurturing element to their school culture as well as a calming and comforting means when needed. (I know it is irresistible to stop and view them whilst on yard duty and sparking up conversations with nearby students.)

Brett Smith

CALENDAR

This week 7/2 – 14/2

9th Feb – House Swimming Sports (Yrs 3-6)

Upcoming

16th Feb – Prom Camp EoI due

20th Feb – School Council

22nd Feb – School Photos

22nd Feb – Welcome Evening

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Parent Payment are now due by direct deposit or in person.

GARLIC DRAWING COMPETITION

There is still time to get your Garlic Drawing in for the competition. Entries close Tuesday 13th Feb.



Prizes for each year level for the most creative drawing.



NOTES

There are several notes coming home today, which are usually collected on Book Pick Up Day. Please complete them and return them promptly. The feedback regarding the changes to how Essential Student Learning Supplies (stationery) had been overwhelmingly positive. The only drawback is remembering to pay the Parent Payments, which can be done at the office and through direct deposit.

Please return forms by Tuesday February 13th. Not all Preps will receive forms 1, 2 & 3, as these were returned during enrolment.

1. Family Contact Details: It is extremely important that we have your most up to date details.
2. Local Travel Consent: Consent for local excursions eg. class walks around town, visiting MACS etc.
3. Chaplaincy consent: Consent to work with the School Chaplain in a class or small group settings.
4. CSEF Information available to valid Health Care Card holders (application form is attached for new families). If you successfully applied for CSEF in 2017, your application has been resubmitted for 2018. If you need to apply for the first time in 2018 or your existing details have changed, please request an application form from the office.

PROM CAMP

Students in Years 3 and 4 will be bringing home the Prom Camp Expression of Intent. We require returns by all students so we can calculate the final cost.

TEETH ON WHEELS.

This is an optional service which may help some families access dental care financially and/or time wise. All questions should be referred to the service. Please be aware that consent refers to students receiving treatments as noted in the consent (check up, fluoride treatment, local anaesthetic, clean/scale, fissure sealants, x-rays and fillings).

TARWIN VALLEY CONNECT

Our next Tarwin Valley Connect Meeting will be held in the staffroom at 9am on the 16th of February to map out a range of activities for the year. This parent group helps assist student learning in a range of ways, from catering and decorating for special events, to getting hands on in student learning at different times. The group is fairly informal due to people's busy schedules and members make meetings and events wherever they can. Toddlers are always welcome. If you think this is something you would like to be a part of please join us at our next meeting.
Gene VanderZalm

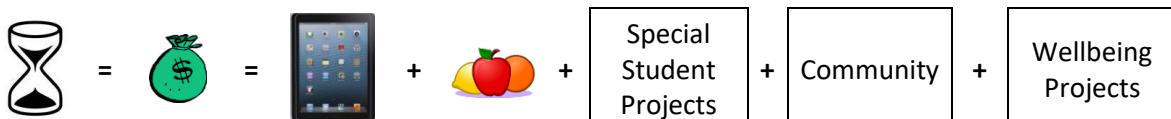
SHADE CLOTH WANTED

You may be aware that over the holidays a number of parents helped build our new chicken pen. At this stage the pen has no roof but we would like to cover the pen with shade cloth. If anyone has any shade cloth they no longer need and would be willing to donate for our chooks we would be much appreciated. Please contact me at school if you can help us out.
Gene VanderZalm

MACS

Thank you to our lovely parent and community volunteers at MACS who through their time volunteering at MACS, enabled us to receive a cheque for \$1215.05. Fundraising through MACS this year will fund:

- New Information Technology devices
- Wellbeing program including the refurbishment of the old undercover area
- School Community events
- If you are interested in donating some time on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, please let the school know.



2018 TVPS Calendar of Main Events

(These are subject to change and any changes are noted in the newsletter calendar)

February	March	April	May
9 – House Swimming Sports @ Toora 20 – School council 21 – District swimming 22 – School Photos 22 – Welcome Evening	1- Parent, Student Teacher Meetings 2 – Division Swimming 8-9 – Stuart's Cup Games/sports 12- Labour Day 21-23 – Yr 3/4 Prom Camp 22 – Yr 1/2 Sleepover 27– School Council 29 – Last day Term 1	16 – Term 2 commences 20 – 3-6 Athletics TBC 25 – ANZAC day (pupil free) 27 – Yr3-6 Athletics	4 – Warratah Winter sports commence TBC 9-11 – Yr 5/6 Ballarat Camp 15 – School Council 25 – District sports
June	July	August	September
1 – TVPS Cross Country 7 – Division Cross Country 8 - Pupil Free Day 11 – Queen's Birthday Holiday 14 – Region Cross Country 26 – School Council 29 – Last day Term 2	16 – Term 3 commences 19 – State Cross Country 25 – Regional winter sport	14 – School Council	13 - Division Athletics 18 – School Council 21 – Last day Term 3
October	November	December	
8 – Term 4 commences 16 – Regional athletics 16-19 – Year 3-6 Swimming TBC 23 – School Council 26 – P-2 District Athletics TBC 29 – State Athletics	5 – Pupil Free Day 6 - Melbourne Cup Day (pupil free) 9 – P-2 Swimming 16 – P-2 Swimming 20 – School Council 23 – P-2 Swimming 30 – P-2 Swimming	7 – P-2 Swimming 11 – School Council EoY 12 – End of year Celebration 20 – Class parties 21 – Last day of Term 4	

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications.

They are not considered school activities

Auction for Aylah:

Aylah started life as a healthy baby and reached her first year milestones. But around the time she should have started to walk, her progress stalled. Medical experts cannot give her family a diagnosis for her cerebral palsy-like symptoms. We are holding this small auction at the Tarwin Valley Campdraft ground on Sunday March 11th after Dinner. All monies raised will go towards the purchase of a Rifton TRAM lifting machine to help ease Aylah's declining disability.

Any enquiries, please contact Richelle Hengstberger 0429 648 373

Items up for Auction include:

- Load of wood
- 4 Lambs cut and packed
- Service fee to Darma Acer's of Impact
- 1 horse broken with Darren Towns
- Speckle Park Heifer calf bucket reared

- Bison lesson with Vicky Hiscock
- Bailing of 50 rolls hay
- Stock whip
- Diamond Wool Saddle Pad



Meeniyan Junior Basketball:

Meeniyan Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 - 17 years to come join our competition. Section 2 & 3, from 3.45pm Friday nights, Section 4 -Wednesday nights. Season starts Friday 16th February. Could all new players or any players not playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048/56636252 or Darlene 0417640035/56640035. If you played last season you will be automatically put into a team, unless you have already advised us otherwise. Names must be in by Friday 11th Feb, late names will not be accepted. Teams & times will be published in the Star news paper on Tuesday 13th Feb, on our Facebook page & Website. Reminder: Fees are to be paid up front. Registration must be paid online prior to the first game, unless paid in July or at another Association. Website - Meeniyan Basketball Association (foxsportspulse). Any queries please contact us.

Meeniyan Garlic Festival Kids Activities Volunteers:

We are looking for volunteers for four blocks throughout the day to help with kids activities. Activities requiring volunteers include, vegie sculptures, billy cart time trials, temporary tattoos, mini golf and a kids info tent. If parents or grandparents are interested, they can contact Tim Gorman on 0458 751 052. Volunteering allows for free entry. The festival runs on Saturday 17th February, from 9am – 4pm with many other great activities.