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## FEATURE

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Rest? How do I do that?* Term 2 is always the busiest term at our school. Numerous activities slot into our program including camps, NAPLAN, Winter Sport, athletics and cross country and it is not surprising that after 11 weeks the students and staff are ready to rest. Rest allows the human mind and body to not only heal itself but to grow. *So how will your child rest these holidays?*

- Obviously sleep will be a high priority. It allows the body to restore its energy levels, building up your immune system so you can make it through these wintery months.
- Exercise, whether it is walking, running, cycling or trampolining, will pump blood through the heart, oxygenating the blood and muscles so they can perform at their peak.

*But what about the brain?* Besides those activities already mentioned, socialising and alone time are great for our brains. Hearing your child say, 'I'm bored!' is often a step in the right direction and will allow them to be creative and make their own fun. Try to minimise screen times as these activities will overstimulate the brain and disturb the benefits of rest. So enjoy your break, try a few of these strategies and enable your child to have a restful holiday.

**Gene VanderZalm, Acting Principal**

### Farewell

What started out as a sea change for a term has led to a complete sea change- new school, new staff, new community, new directions and a new chapter in my life. However, I do look back on Tarwin Valley years with great, great fondness and gratitude that I have been able to lead a top school in a vibrant and dynamic community. I have had the privilege of working with a talented and dedicated staff who work collaboratively with great purpose to provide a comprehensive yet caring education to the students of the Tarwin Valley. I commend the staff and students for being resilient and flexible during this term of transition and especially thank Gene for leading the school community with his own unique and personable leadership style. In my time at the school, we have achieved many great things together to become a high performing school. The most significant and proudest achievement was re-orientating the school's curriculum and approach to be more wellbeing focussed to attend the needs of the staff, students and community. This enabled us to reposition the school as a place of both education and care in the community. I wish you all continued success and pride in your school- a school which will always hold a special place in my being.

**Brett Smith**

### CALENDAR

#### This week 27/6– 29/6

**29<sup>th</sup> June** – Last day of Term – School dismisses at 2.20pm. Buses will run 1 hour earlier.

#### Upcoming

**16<sup>th</sup> July** - Term 3 commences

**25<sup>th</sup> July** – Hot lunches

**26<sup>th</sup> July** – PST Interviews (see page 2)

**7<sup>th</sup> Aug** – School Council

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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



### SCHOOL FORT

If anyone is interested in taking the fort structure (excluding the tunnel) from the 'top flats' playground, please contact the school office by Friday. If there is no interest, it will be dismantled and disposed of during the school holidays.

## **ABSENCES**

Students who have unexplained absences or unexplained late arrivals (as at 26/05/18) will have an 'Unexplained Absence/Lateness' letter attached to this newsletter. Parents are asked to complete the slip and return to school by Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. You are reminded that **all** absences should be reported to school **on the day**, preferably by lodging the absence via the Compass App. Prior notification of absences for holidays, full day appointments etc. are appreciated. If you are picking your child up for an appointment, then returning them to school you do not need to lodge this as a full day, but you are required to sign them out, then back in when you take them and return them to school.

All non explained absences as at 9.45am each day will trigger an automated text message to parents. The text message contains a blue 'hyperlink' which will take you straight to the screen for you fill in the details of your child's absence. To alleviate the need for texts & unnecessary phone calls, reporting absences **prior to 9am** via the Compass app is recommended.

If you are unable to log onto your Compass account, please contact the school for a password reset.

If it is impossible to notify us via Compass, please do so by telephone or by email. It is important, for the smooth running of our school administration, that parents are able to sign into Compass with a current password.

If you are not actively using Compass, please ensure you know your Username & Password. Please contact the office if you need assistance before the end of Term 2 for a smooth transition into Term 3.

## **HOT LUNCHES**

Our next hot lunch day will be Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July (2<sup>nd</sup> week of term 3). Order forms will go home in the newsletter on the first Wednesday of the term and will need to be returned to school by 3.30pm the following Monday.

## **PARENT STUDENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

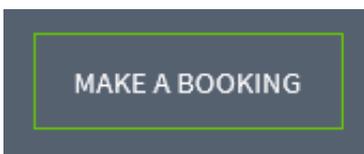
PST Meetings will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July between 12.30 and 7pm. Classes run as usual on this day with a slight timetable change. Meetings during school hours will require parents collecting students from classes. There will be timetables and maps to guide you.

We use **schoolinterviews** to organise our PST meetings due to it being user friendly and ease of booking of multiple slots for siblings. Bookings can be made at **[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)** after 5pm today and will close at 4pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to the Girls Waratah (above) and Mixed Waratah netball teams who made it through to the Division Netball playoffs in Wonthaggi last week.

1.



2.



3. Follow screen prompts

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing time, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents needing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 56647382.

😊 *If parents/caregivers need guidance please ring the school.*

## **MACS-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Meeniyan and Community Shop is a valuable resource for the town both as a retail outlet and a community meeting place. Each year parents staff the store for a short time each week and in turn, provides financial support to the school. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year.

We would really like this to continue and seek volunteers to help out. If you are interested please return the slip at the end of the newsletter.



## Stories from 1M

One day there was a horse. The horse wanted to go to space. So he built a rocket ship and he went to space. He landed on the sun. It was hot! He liked it. And it was fun. He lived there forever. *Luca*

One day Sam, Taylor, Archie, Braxton, and I were up in the bush. We saw smoke. We got closer. We saw a guy with matches. He lit a fire! We rang triple zero but no one was there. So we got the pressure hose, but it wasn't enough! But the rain put it out. Phew! *Joshua*

Once there was a girl sleeping when it was 3:00 a.m. She woke up. She went to the lake. At the lake, a sea monster ran after her. Ha! Ha! Ha! The next day the monster turned her into a monster. "I guess that I am staying like this" she said. She was never seen again. *Haidee*

One day six fairies were walking. They heard a robber. The robber sticky taped the six fairies together. The robber said, "you will never get out". Then fifty fairies came to the rescue. The robber went to prison. *Alastair*

One day Archie, Taylor and I were surfing and we saw a big wave. We hopped on our surf boards. We got back. Taylor and I were tired so we stayed back. But then, Christian came. He knew we were here so he went out and Archie saw a shark. And the shark bit Archie on the leg. Christian came back to save us. *Cooper*

### TVPS COMMUNITY MEMBER PROFILE



**Kathy Smith**  
School Crossing Lady

**Where did you grow up?** Korumburra

**What was your favourite subject in school?**  
Australian History

**What is something you have always wanted to try?** Learning how to do "Tatting"

**Your favourite holiday destination?** Benambra

**What is your favourite pastime?** Bush Camping

**What are you looking forward to this year at TVPS?** Warm sunny days

**How long have you been involved with TVPS?**  
1 ½ years

**What do you love about TVPS?** Reading the newsletter and all the happy faces

### Riddle

Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given: Boast - Hip, move the 's' from 'Boast' to 'Hip' creating two synonyms: Boat - Ship.



1. Pain - Nil
2. War - Zoned
3. Routing - Tip
4. Shot - Teaming
5. Right - Blight

1. Pin - Nail
2. Ward - Zone
3. Outing - Trip
4. Hot - Steaming
5. Bright - Light

Solution:

## MACS Volunteers

(Return to school office)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle preferred time:      *weekly*      *fortnightly*      *monthly*      *on call*

Circle preferred day:      *Mon am*      *Tues am*      *Wed am*      *Thurs am*      *Fri am*  
    *Mon pm*      *Tues pm*      *Wed pm*      *Thurs pm*      *Fri pm*