



# School News



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## BULLETIN

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Orientation Days:** Yesterday we had our Orientation Day. The purpose of the day is to be a preview of the upcoming year. Students get the opportunity to meet their new teachers and work alongside their classmates. Teachers get a glimpse of early dynamics and potential factors to consider for the following year. Yesterday, we achieved these outcomes and a whole lot more. It is the first time in a while that we have seen significant changes amongst our staff but the students and teachers all had a fantastic day. The current Grade 2 and 3 students will be split next year giving them the opportunity to learn with different students and form different dynamics. It is important that students realise the classroom is a place for learning and that the playground is for socialising. If your child has been separated from a friend please reiterate this point.

**Welcome New Staff:** We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Peter Harris to the role of 5/6 teacher, as well as the return of Tanya Jackson (Drama/Music) and Rachel Warren (Visual Art), who will be sharing the Arts position throughout 2019. Many staff were hoping for different opportunities and challenges, and it has been nice to accommodate all of these. I would like to thank the staff for the time and effort they have put into choosing our class structure and classes for 2019. We had a simple mandate that drove each of our choices, 'What will be best for the learning and wellbeing of each student?'

The following is the structure of our classes for 2019:

Grade Prep: Mrs Guy

Grade 1: Ms Lester (4 days)

Grade 2: Mr Helms

Grade 3/4R: Mrs Russell

Grade3/4GG: Ms Gilbert (4 days) and Ms Giliam (1 day)

Grade 5/6: Mr Harris

**Specialists:**

MARC: Mrs Johnson and Mrs Calcott

Environmental Science: Ms Giliam

Arts: Mrs Jackson and Ms Warren

PE: Mr Moscript and Ms Weight

### Timetable Change:

2019 will also see a change to daily structure. Instead of sessions of 90 minutes, 120 minutes and 90 minutes, we will move to sessions of 120 minutes, 120 minutes and 60 minutes. The main reason for the change is to take advantage of the 'prime learning time' which is in the first half of the day and to avoid long, tiring afternoon sessions. This schedule brings us in line with local high schools as well as other local primary schools such as Foster and Yinnar, who have had some great results from changing to this format.

When we discussed the changes with our School Council, the only concern raised was around students and the wait time for their lunches. The staff explained that students have many opportunities to eat throughout the day and that staff always encourage students to manage their eating according to their needs. The main breaks will be recess (11:00 – 11:30), Fruit Break (12:30 – 12:45) and Lunch (1:30 – 2:20). If you have any concerns or special requirements for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher.

**Gene VanderZalm, Principal**

### CALENDAR

#### This week 12/12– 19/12

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 Farewell / Graduation evening

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School End of Year Celebration 6pm

18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yrs 4-6 Bake up day, 1.50pm

#### Upcoming

20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class parties

21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Last day Term 4

Dismissal time: 1:30pm

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Our final Wednesday Gathering for this year will be this afternoon at 3pm.

There will be no assembly next week.

## **END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

**Grade 6 Graduation / Farewell** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

5.30pm - meal for students and staff.

7.00pm - formalities (speeches and presentation of gift) all TVPS families are invited to attend.

**Whole School End of Year Celebration** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

6.00pm – BBQ on the school oval. Meeniyān CFA will have hamburgers, sausages and drinks available for purchase on the night.

All grades will perform a Christmas song, prep students will present their buddies with a gift and a special jolly visitor.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

As we are nearly at the end of the year, all lost property is about to be sorted. When we clean out the lost property:

- If named->returned
- Unnamed->displayed for students -> washed by parent volunteers-> sent to MACs

If you are missing uniform items, please check in the lost property baskets located in the shared space and the foyer of the Heritage building as soon as possible.

## **LIBRARY BOOKS**

A reminder that all library books, both MARC and TVPS need to be returned to school **this week** in order to complete our stocktake.

## **CLASS PARTIES**

Class teachers will be sending notes home in the coming days (some have already gone home) detailing times and food requirements for class Christmas parties next Thursday.

## **CONCERT DVDS**

Due to technical issues, there has been a delay in getting such a large number of DVD's copied. This issue has now been resolved and DVD's will be sent home with students in the next few days.



### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- ☺ **Sullivan H** for working hard and reflecting on ways to develop his self-management and organisation.
- ☺ **Stacey J** for putting in extra effort to improve her learning.
- ☺ **Charlie P** for his effort and engagement in outdoor writing.
- ☺ **Peter C** for the improvement he has made in persuasive writing when he acted on feedback.
- ☺ **Olivia P** for the improvement she has made in persuasive writing when she acted on feedback.
- ☺ **Jarvis L** for always having a smile on his face and helping others.

### **YARD DRAW AWARD**

- ☺ **Cooper K** for being a thoughtful friend.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

### **Foster Library School Holiday fun:**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3.30pm – Virtual Reality including Fruit Ninja, the Blue Ocean Experience, Tilt Brush and Beat Saber

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30-11.30am – Story Time

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 10-12nn – Story time in the Park, Pearl Park Music Festival

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 11am – Australia Day Lego Building Competition

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## 2019 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

This year all supplies will be provided directly to your child in the classroom on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the 2019 Essential Student Learning Items has been set by School Council at **\$130.00** per child.

This amount covers Essential Student Learning Items including:

- Individual student supplies – supplied to each student at the beginning of the school year
- Classroom materials – supplied to student in the classroom and specialist programs
- MARC Library levy for materials
- TVPS pencil case for all new Prep students

The \$130.00 per child covers those aspects of school purchases that parents are expected to pay. The only Voluntary Contribution item we request is our Voluntary Grounds Levy.



### Individual Student Supplies:

Student Books & Requisites are purchased by the school from a major stationery supplier and are extremely competitively priced, with each child receiving an initial pack of supplies according to their year level. Student supplies are 'topped up' during the year as the need arises. All supplies will be provided to your child in their classroom on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>. If your child's teacher requires anything to be individually named the items will be sent home with your child that night. Please return them to school with students on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Payments:

**Student Books & Requisites are to be paid for prior to students' first day of school (January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019). Please complete the payment slip on the next page and bring to school when you make payment OR if you have paid via Direct Deposit, please send to school with your child on their first day – Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

- **Option 1 – Direct Deposit:** Our preferred payment method is via direct deposit into our bank account **prior** to the first day of school. Direct deposit payments can be made any time **AFTER January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**. Account Details: BSB 063 518 Account Number: 1007 1649 Account Name: Tarwin Valley Primary School. Please use the following as reference: Books 2019 (then your family name). Eg – Books 2019 Opray. Please record your confirmation/receipt number on the payment form below and return to school by January 31<sup>st</sup>. It is highly recommended that you make direct deposits **at least 3 working days prior** to children starting school, to allow time for the bank to process your payment.
- **Option 2 – Payment at School Office:** The office will be open on Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am - 4.00pm and on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm - 4.00pm to accept payments. **Please note: We DO NOT have EFTPOS or Credit Card facilities available at the school.** Payments via the school office can **only** be made by cheque, money order or cash (correct change would be appreciated).
- **Option 3 – Dairy Assistance Funding (eligible families only):** Families with remaining Dairy Assistance credit will be notified directly of their balance, as this credit is available to use for Essential Student Learning Items.

### Payment by Instalments:

Families who require payment by instalment can do so in consultation with the Principal **prior** to January 31<sup>st</sup>. **Please Note: An initial payment of \$65.00 per child is required by January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### Voluntary Grounds Levy:

School Council has a **Voluntary Grounds Levy of \$15 per family** to assist in employing a part time gardener. This has reduced the number of working bees and has certainly been successful in improving the appearance of the grounds.

### CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund:

This Government funded grant is available to any family who have a valid Health Card current as of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please see attached documentation for further information. Families who have successfully applied in previous years do not need to reapply.

**2019 ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS & OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Essential Student Learning Items: No. of children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$130 per child      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

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Voluntary Grounds Levy @ \$15 per family      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL DUE FOR 2019**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT TYPE (Please circle):**    Cash    Cheque    Direct Deposit    Dairy Assistance Credit

**DIRECT DEPOSIT Receipt Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECEIPT REQUIRED:** Yes / No