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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic start to our new school year! All teachers remarked on the wonderful transition their students have made to their new grades. With plenty of changes at the end of 2018 it is nice to see them paying off with a renewed vibrancy across the school.

We are directing a clear message to the students in 2019 that school is a mixture of tasks and moments that are INTERESTING, CHALLENGING and FUN. We plan on making it a taste of life and as most parents would realise – what is interesting, challenging or fun for one person may be completely the opposite for the next.

So how do we cope with this? What should we focus on when our child is excited, frustrated or neither? At school, we work on a student's mindset. At TVPS we explain to students that at all times we approach tasks somewhere along a continuum between a Growth and Fixed Mindset. As the title states, a growth mindset is the one we aim for as it enables us to cope with the ups and downs by thinking this is good for me and only going to make me stronger.

As parents, we can support a growth mindset in the way we speak to our children. Most importantly, be mindful that you praise the process rather than the product. The process is something they can control and it is often reflected in their attitude. The product is just where they get to. If we only praise the product, they will think that this is where they need to get to **always** whether it is easy or hard. For example, praise them for the way they stuck at a task and persisted rather than how much they completed or whether they won or lost. It is tricky and we as teachers sometimes still get it wrong by focussing on those that are sometimes first past the post.

I'll be writing more about this as the year goes on and we aim to get George Telford a renowned expert on Challenging Learning back to the school to do parent, student and teacher sessions later in the year.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

ESSENTIAL STUDENT ITEMS LEVY

Thank you to those parents who have made payment, either in the office or by direct deposit into our account, for their children's Essential Items. We still have a number of families who are still to pay this levy and we ask that **ALL** payments are made promptly.

NOTES

There are several notes coming home today which need to be completed and returned promptly.

1. Family Contact Details: It is extremely important that we have your most up to date details. If your family has a new Prep this year, you are not required to fill this in as we should have your 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.

CALENDAR

This week 6/2– 13/2

Feb 8th – Swimming trials at Toora

Upcoming

Feb 13th – School Council nominations open

Feb 14th – Fabric for Beeswax wraps to be at school

Feb 17th – Book Club orders close

Feb 19th – School Council Meeting

Feb 20th – School Council nominations close 4pm

Feb 21st – School Welcome Night

Feb 25th – School photo day

Feb 28th – Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Mar 1st – Division Swimming

Mar 11th – Labour Day

Mar 14th – Stuart's Cup Games

Mar 15th – Stuart's Cup Sports

Mar 19th – School Council

Mar 21st – Yr 1/2 Sleepover

Mar 25th – Dental van visit

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

BUS TRAVEL COMMUNICATION

1. It is school practice to follow the **last notification by parents or carers** regarding bus travel and not rely on verbal messages relayed by students. If a misunderstanding occurs or there is confusion, we endeavour to contact parents.
2. Parents/ Carers of bus travellers who are not going home on the bus on any given night **MUST** notify the office prior to the end of the day. A phone call or note to school is required.
3. If the arrangements are permanent, eg. tennis for the whole of Term 1, please request a 'change of arrangement' form from the office. At the conclusion of your child's participation it is your responsibility to contact the office and have the arrangements revert back.



ABSENCES

Please report your child/ren's absence to school. This can be done via the Compass app or a phone call to the office. By entering your child's absence through Compass, the information is fed directly through to the class roll, informing the teacher of their absence and the reason. You can also enter future absences for your child (eg. Medical appointment, family holiday).

To record an absence:

- Tap the compass home page (the page with your child/rens photo)
- Press on the child's photo
- Select 'Approvals' at the top of the screen (3rd tab). You will see any previously entered approvals
- Press on the blue circle with the plus sign at the bottom right hand corner
- Tap on 'Reason' at the very top of the page and choose appropriate reason
- In the 'Details/Comments' box you can choose to enter any relevant details about your child's absence
- Select the start and end date of the absence
- Tap 'Add Approval'

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for the annual school council elections will open on Wednesday Feb 13th and close at 4pm on Wednesday Feb 20th. We have 4 parent vacancies and 1 staff vacancy. If you are interested in representing the parent / carer body in making long term decisions and directions of the school, please show your interest by being on School Council. Nominations and self-nominations forms are available from the office or the TVPS website.

What is a School Council?

- ✓ a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of a school
- ✓ the major governing body of the school
- ✓ plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes
- ✓ endorses the key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents

What it does:	What it doesn't do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community▪ Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan▪ Develop, review and update school policies▪ Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure▪ Maintain the school's grounds and facilities▪ Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)▪ Report annually to the school community and to DEECD▪ Generally stimulate interest in the school in the wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage the school▪ Make operational decisions▪ Employ ongoing teaching staff with no fixed date for termination▪ Represent sectional interests▪ Renew the principal's contract or hire and fire the school principal▪ Determine class allocations▪ Discuss individual issues between teachers and students and/or parents

BEESWAX WRAPS IN THE SCIENCE ROOM

As part of our effort to make our school waste free, students will be making their own beeswax wraps in the Science Room this term. Students have done this before but most would be due for replacement by now.

It would be great if your child could please bring in a pre-cut square of cotton fabric about 30cm x30cm to use for their wrap by the 14/02/2019.

In the past for my family I have re-purposed fabric from old sheets or clothes. Of course if you would prefer your child used new fabric that is fine too. Please contact me if you have any problems.

Thanks, Miss Giliam

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Hello Town folk. This is a call out for volunteers for the Meeniyán Garlic Festival on February 16th. Positions are as follows and require a 1 to 2 hour commitment with free entry to the festival.

The FREE Family activities include

Mini golf, 2 volunteers per hour, hand out golf clubs and balls.

Billy Cart time trials, 3 volunteers per hour, receive a stop watch and record the time it takes for the participant to go around the track, one volunteer to manage the queue.

Practise Billy Cart area, 1 volunteer per hour, hand out billy carts to participants and encourage giving it a go.

Temporary tattoos, 2 volunteers per hour, very social spot! Help assist festival goers with putting their tattoos on.

Activity Information Tent, 1 volunteer per hour. A sit down job, encourage people to have a go of the activities, manage the garlic jar guessing game.

Veggie sculptures, 2 volunteers per hour. Assist makers of sculptures with getting the veggies they need to make their creature, clean up after the messy ones!

Build your own box house, 2 volunteers per hour, this activity requires you to be creative and support other people's creativeness. Manage and hand out boxes, pens and pencils, and keeping the area tidy.

Please call Sally Gorman at 0458751052 if you can help. Thanks in advance

Other areas of help needed are at the gate entry, setting up and packing up.



Meeniyán Junior Basketball:

Meeniyán Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 - 17 years to come join our competition. Section 2 & 3, from 4.00pm Friday nights, Section 4 -Wednesday nights. Season starts Friday 15th February. Could all new players or any players **not** playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048 or Darlene 0417640035. 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 Fri 8th Feb, late names will not be accepted.

Teams & times for Section 2, 3 & 4 will be published in the Star news paper on Tuesday 12th Feb & on our Website/facebook page.

Reminder: Fees are to be paid up front. Section 2 & 3 - \$40, Section 4 - \$50. **Registration must be paid online prior to the first game.(Previous players should be already registered)** Website - Meeniyán Basketball Association (foxsportspulse), click onto the link under "Register for Meeniyán Junior 2019 Season". Any queries please contact us.

Leongatha Knights Registration Night:

Come and meet our 2019 coaches, discover more about our club, enjoy a free BBQ and of course play some soccer!

Date: 15th Feb

Time: 6pm til late

Where: Mary MacKillop College, Horn Street, Leongatha



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS WHAT WE EXPECT AT TARWIN VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- ❖ We have zero tolerance of any abuse of children.
- ❖ We have policies and procedures in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children.
- ❖ There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with our students.
- ❖ The new Child Safe Standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- ❖ The Child Safe Standards apply to school staff, volunteers, contractors, visitors and students' family members.
- ❖ Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- ❖ We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we would like you to support us.
- ❖ Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while they are at the school).

Please see further information on Child Safe Standards on our school website.

Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection / Police.

2019 FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Family Name: _____

Name of Eldest Child at TVPS: _____

Contact details for Adult A – Female Name: _____		Contact details for Adult B – Male Name: _____	
<i>During business hours, how is Adult A to be contacted</i>		<i>During business hours, how is Adult B to be contacted</i>	
Home Phone Number		Home Phone Number	
Mobile Phone Number		Mobile phone number	
Work Phone Number		Work Phone Number	
Days of the week at work		Days of the week at work	
Home Address			
Postal Address			
Email Address <input type="checkbox"/> I would like the newsletter emailed to this address	Adult A: _____ Adult B: _____		

Please provide details of two Emergency Contacts <u>other</u> than Parents / Guardians to care for your child if we are unable to contact you. It is your responsibility to ensure your emergency contacts are willing to assist in 2019.	
Name (Contact 1)	
Relationship to student	
Phone Number / Mobile Number	
Name (Contact 2)	
Relationship to student	
Phone Number / Mobile Number	

2019 LOCAL EXCURSION & TRAVEL CONSENT FORM

Student's Name: _____ Year Level _____

"I grant permission for my child/children to participate in excursions within the local township during 2019 as required." NB: for excursions outside our local area a permission form relating to the specific activity/day will be sent home.

"I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to the child/children receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary, including requesting an Ambulance, the cost of which will be my responsibility."

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date _____



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NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM CONSENT 2019

Dear Parents,

This year we will be continuing with the National Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) at Tarwin Valley Primary School. The program will support and strengthen existing student wellbeing programs and introduce a number of new projects that operate under the ELEVATE framework of:

- Connecting with young people and school communities
- Building up positive values and resilience in young people
- Empowering young people to transform their school and community

The Chaplain will work in classes and with groups of students on various projects within and beyond the school to develop skills and understandings in Civics and Citizenship, Interpersonal, Personal Learning, resilience and leadership. The program will strengthen and extend current programs and intentions.

The program is funded by the Federal Government and administered by the State government. The program operates under the governance of the school including the administration of the program. Any questions, queries or concerns now or in the future, can be directed to me.

The program operates on a voluntary basis so parents are required to provide consent for their child/ren to participate in the program and projects. Please note ongoing, individual or spiritual work will require a separate consent form if the need arises.

Parents are asked to consider the program and return the annual consent form below.

If you have any queries regarding the role or programs, please contact me and I will be happy to detail the chaplaincy further.

Yours sincerely,

Gene VanderZalm

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM CONSENT 2019

I consent

I do not consent to my child/ren participating in the Tarwin Valley PS School Chaplaincy program in 2019.

Child 1: _____ Class: _____

Child 2: _____ Class: _____

Child 3: _____ Class: _____

Child 4: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____