



School News



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Question: Do you know what the single biggest influence is in a student's learning?

What school they attend? Their teachers? Their hobbies and interests?

The answer is their parents and carers. You guys make all the difference and we the teachers aim to continue the job. All the time and effort you have put into raising your child has helped shape them into the individual they are today. We as teachers have the wonderful task of working with this wide range of different individuals to help guide them on a journey of life-long learning, whatever they choose to follow.

As a result, one key factor in all student's learning is the relationship that develops between the student, the teacher and the parent. When we get this right, a student's learning can take off to places we never dreamed, due to the supportive and consistent approach that surrounds them.

On the 28th of February, we will conduct the first of a series of meetings throughout the year aimed at strengthening this alliance. Please take the time to attend this Parent/Teacher/Student meeting so the relationship can be started and all three parties can begin working together. **More details of the day and how to book in for your interviews are below.**

As well as this, each classroom teacher has either sent or is sending home a class newsletter outlining how the learning occurs in the classroom. Please take the time to read this letter and ask any questions if you have them. On top of this, all teachers will be aiming to have informal discussions with parents, about their child's learning throughout the year. Some of you may have been stopped already in the playground or given a call from their teacher. We aim to continue this throughout the year.

We're making you aware so when you get the call or a tap on the shoulder you don't automatically think that something is wrong! At TVPS, each student's wellbeing is our highest priority and we need to work together to ensure we achieve this.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

PST MEETINGS

PST Meetings will be held on Thursday 28th February. Classes run as usual on this day. 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 easy booking of multiple slots for siblings. Bookings can be made at www.schoolinterviews.com.au after 5pm today using the booking code **zbrs9**

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CALENDAR

This week 13/2– 20/2

- 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 7pm
- Feb 20th** – School Council nominations close 4pm

Upcoming

- 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

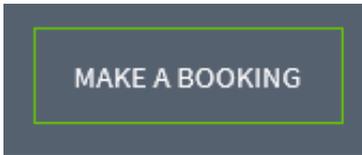
Have you returned?

- Essential Student Items Levy payment form/money
- Contact details form
- Chaplaincy consent form

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

Our weekly assembly (gathering) will take place in the Shared Space each Wednesday at 3pm. All parents/carers welcome to attend.

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 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.*

SCHOOL BANKING

Children who have a Youthsave (or Dollarmite) account with the Commonwealth Bank can make a deposit through our school banking system. The school receives a commission for each deposit we process. Accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch or by visiting commbank.au/schoolbanking and clicking on the link to open a Youthsaver account. School bank day is Thursday, commencing Thursday 21st February. Children need to pop their bank books in with the daily collections for delivery to the office. Thank you to Rhian Barclay who has again volunteered to process the Student Banking each week.

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES

Individual school photo envelopes have been sent home with students today. Please return your envelopes by photo day – Monday Feb 25th. If you would like a **family photo** taken on the day, please collect an family order envelope from the school office.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Friday morning Breakfast Club is up and running for 2019. All students are welcome to come along at 8.30am for some cereal, toast and a chat with friends.

PARENT PARTICIPATION FORM

In addition to School Council, we also offer a wide range of opportunities for parents/carers to engage and contribute to our school community. We will contact parents who have put their names on the list, throughout the year as needed or as the events take place. A Parent Participation reply form accompanies the newsletter.

PARENT HELPER REQUEST

We are looking for someone who possesses some art/carpentry skills who could construct some lapbooks for the school. The lapbooks consist of basic construction of a wooden board with felt and hinges. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

ART SMOCKS

Our current supply of art smocks have been used by students for a number of years and looking worse for wear. If anyone has any old shirts / t-shirts at home that they would be happy to donate to the art room, it would be greatly appreciated.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Eliza H** for making choices to self-manage her learning.
- ☺ **Hannah H** for being thoughtful and kind to other students in class.
- ☺ **Cooper W** for being a great support to others in the room with their learning.
- ☺ **Charlie P** for persistence and enthusiasm when attempting to solve a challenging math task.
- ☺ **Thalia B** for persistence and enthusiasm when attempting to solve a challenging math task.
- ☺ **Danielle P** for being brave enough to take a chance and using questions when she was in the dip.
- ☺ **Jordan C** for his positive attitude to learning.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Piper H** for starting off 2019 the same way she ended 2018. She throws herself into everything and upholds our school values every day.

YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Emma P** for helping clean up.

HOUSE POINTS

Last week's winner: Waratah

Overall Winner: Waratah

TVPS STAFF MEMBER PROFILE



Peter Harris
Grade 5/6 Teacher

How long have you been involved with TVPS?

As a teacher this is my first year but I was a student teacher in Mrs Guy's classroom 3 years ago.

What was your favourite subject at school?

If you asked the 5/6 students, they would already be able to answer this....Maths.

Your favourite holiday destinations? Last year we went on a family holiday to Cairns and I want to get back ASAP. The rainforest and scenery was breathtaking.

One word to describe you would be? Busy

What are you looking forward to this year at TVPS? The challenging, interesting and fun environment that's been established within the school and starting with the Grade 5/6 students.

What do you love about TVPS? The community feel you get when you're involved in a small country school. Everyone is extremely welcoming and supportive already which makes me very excited to get to know everybody.



Olivia and Lylah enjoying the swimming with a Fish Creek friend.



Left:

Players from the Melbourne Football Club visited students from years 3-6 last week to talk about Gratitude and Leadership.

They even make Mr. V look short!

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 Meeniyar 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.**



Meeniyon Junior Basketball:

Meeniyon 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 - Meeniyon Basketball Association (foxsportspulse), click onto the link under "Register for Meeniyon 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

Leongatha Spikezone for Primary Aged Children:

Spikezone volleyball is a fun and energetic way for children to increase their coordination, socialisation skills and develop good sportsmanship. It is a non-contact sport with all equipment provided.

Cost: \$66.50 per season + free goodie bag with registration. (Includes 15 week season, Door Entry & VVI Insurance)

Family discounts: Pay for 1st and 2nd child, 3rd and subsequent children FREE* (*All must pay VVI Insurance)

When: Thursday 14th Feb, 6-7pm

Where: SPLASH Leongatha

Contact: Tom 5658 1043 or Jess 0447 262 522 e southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com

Headspace Wonthaggi:

We provide free or low cost confidential support services for young people aged 12-25 years old. We're here to help answer a range of issues you have. Contact us at 5b Murray Street, Wonthaggi, 0418 213 990 or email info@headspacewonthaggi.org.au

We also provide services from four outposts at Youth Centre Clinics in Foster, Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi.



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 Parent Participation Requests

Dear Parents,

Our school is very fortunate to have a long history of parent participation, which allows us to run a variety of events for students and families and purchase resources and equipment to support student learning and wellbeing.

This year we're hoping to fund the following items from our fundraising efforts:

- ✓ New ICT devices
- ✓ Student Wellbeing programs and activities
- ✓ Kitchen Garden
- ✓ Camp and excursion support

Once again, we are putting together a database of volunteers for various events so we can ring families for assistance according to **how they would like** to contribute to their child's education at Tarwin Valley Primary School. The following is a list of events and a brief description and timeframe to help guide parents' choices.

Could you please return this form by Friday 22nd February, thanks.

Gene VanderZalm

Name:..... Phone Number:.....

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| From Home | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contacting Books Once or twice a term | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate raffles -Determine prizes (may include seeking donations) make booklets | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost property Washing unclaimed uniforms to go to MACS (once a term, shared amongst the volunteers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Footy Jumper washing (after Winter Sports- 1,2,3, or 4 times) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Top washing (after Sports- shared amongst the volunteers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sick Bay washing Washing towels, quilts, pillow slips, (once a term, shared amongst the volunteers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club Collect & check order, distribute to students | | |
| At school (Working With Children's Check) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Raffle make ticket books, package prizes, count money, prepare prize draw) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day Stall Help make items | <input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day Stall Help make items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Garden Maintenance Help ready the beds for the next season | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Garden Management Weekly or fortnightly tidy up. We will advise. | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Props and Costumes Assist with making props and costumes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Council - 3rd Tues of most months Nomination forms on our website or from office | <input type="checkbox"/> TVPS Connect Group Contribute to activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Side by Side Volunteers to spend 30min to 1hr a week with a student on projects of interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Coordinator Count and collate orders, order supplies (if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Help cook if needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting Seats, rails, barge boards out of school hours, paint, rollers and brushes supplied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Ticket Sales Process orders-count money, keep list, group tickets for families for distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Prep Welcome Bags Photocopy, laminate and compile bags from resources purchased by the school | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Make food on request for families in need |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Octagon Garden Plant and maintain | | |
| Out in the Community | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MACS Community Op Shop 1 shift / week / fortnight/ month | <input type="checkbox"/> Melbourne Camp (1/5-3/5) (Year 5&6) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lolly bags at Christmas time Purchase and make bags of lollies | <input type="checkbox"/> Year 6 Graduation Meeniyon Town Hall set up | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Raffle Coordinate prizes and tickets |

Other: