



# School News



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## BULLETIN

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

And so it begins.....

Over the next month, our school will undergo its very important School Review. This is an exciting time as the review only happens every four years. The actual School Review process started over four months ago with the Pre-Review stage, which involved several consultation meetings with staff, students, school council and several data experts from the Department of Education. These meetings allowed us to highlight what we see as strengths of our school and areas for improvement. They also analysed how we have gone with our goals from the past four years.

The aim of the entire review process is to diagnose what is working at our school and why? As well as, what can be improved and how?

Our Review Panel consists of an external reviewer, a Department official, school leaders from our school and others along with our School Council President, Danielle Lacy. All attended a special meeting this Monday to listen to our Pre-Review report and ask the necessary questions to gain a complete understanding of our school. They visited classrooms, met with student groups and spoke with teachers to gain a thorough understanding of what learning looks like at TVPS.

In the coming weeks they will be returning to our school a few more times and would like to meet with parent representatives to hear their thoughts about our school. This will importantly give the parent perspective and add another piece to the puzzle. If you would like to be a part of this parent pilot group please return the slip below and we'll be in touch.

Although the review process involves some extra work, it is time well spent. From it, our school will develop a new set of goals for the next four years which forms the basis of our School Strategic Plan. A plan that we believe will make our school even stronger than it is today.

*Gene VanderZalm, Principal*

### LOCAL TRAVEL / CHAPLAIN CONSENT

If you have not completed and returned your child's consent forms for Local Excursions and Chaplaincy, please do so by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### CALENDAR

#### This week 20/2– 27/2

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** – School Council nominations close 4pm

**Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** – School Welcome Evening 5.30pm

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** – School photo day

#### Upcoming

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Student Teacher Interviews

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** – Division Swimming

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>** – Teeth on Wheels consent due

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>** - Labour Day

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Stuart's Cup Games

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** – Stuart's Cup Sports

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – School Council

**Mar 21<sup>st</sup>** – Yr 1 Dinner / Yr 2 Sleepover

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** – Teeth on Wheels dental van visit

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo day is next Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Please return your child/ren's photo envelopes on or before Monday morning.

Envelopes for sibling photos are available from the office.

### School Review – Parent Focus Group

I would like to be a part of the Parent Focus Group for our School Review which will meet with members of the Review Panel on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

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

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

### TEETH ON WHEELS

This is an optional service which helps families access dental care. Consent forms have been sent home today and should be returned to school by **Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>** or completed online, if you wish to access this service. Please see the article at the end of this newsletter for more information.

### DO YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD?

If you have a Health Care Card that was current as at January 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion fund), a payment of \$125 per child. Families who successfully applied last year have had their applications automatically resubmitted for 2019. If you are new to the school or did not qualify last year but have a HCC now, please request an application form from the school office. Families of Prep students who qualify for CSEF will also be eligible to receive the CSEF Prep Winter Warmer Uniform Package (1 x top, 1 x track pants, 1 x pair of shoes) which will be open for applications from the beginning of Term 2.

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Does anyone have any old feed bags to donate to the school to use to collect rubbish? If yes, can you please send to the Science room. Also if your child has some gardening gloves, can they please bring them to school before Thursday the 28th of February. *Thanks Nico, Xavier and Lucas*

### GRADE 3/4GG CUBBY ZONE

Grade 3/4GG are in charge of our undercover play area this term. They would like to create a 'cubby zone' with different zones that allow for reading, drawing, playing etc. To achieve this, they are seeking donations of old shower curtains and hippy doorway beads. If you have any items to donate, please deliver them to the 3/4GG classroom.

### PST MEETINGS

PST Meetings will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the booking code **zbrs9**

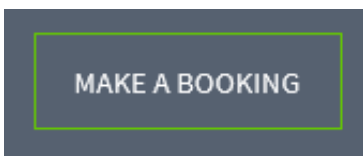
**TVPS WELCOME EVENING**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February on the school oval, 5.30 – 7.30pm.

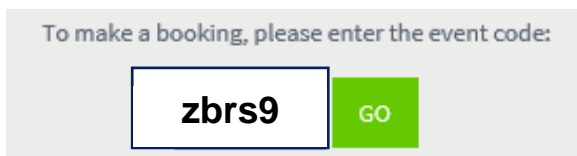
Pack a picnic dinner for the family and enjoy activities, badge presentations and catch up with TVPS families and staff.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have offered their help via the Parent Participation form. We will contact you throughout the year for assistance as required.

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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.*



#### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- ☺ **Winnie S** for a fantastic transition into Grade 1 and for quickly taking on her classroom routines.
- ☺ **Josh A** for displaying a respectful attitude.
- ☺ **Stacey J** for taking time to explore and consider a math challenge thoughtfully then discovering some amazing connections.
- ☺ **Darcy K** for showing kindness and fairness when playing games.
- ☺ **Ruby M** for having an outstanding attitude during a P.E. session and encouraging her peers.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

☺ **Taylor L** for her concise explanations of why we come to school. Her views on 'sharing ideas' were brilliant.

#### **HOUSE POINTS**

**Last week's winner: Waratah**

**Overall Winner: Waratah**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## 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](mailto:info@headspacewonthaggi.org.au)

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

## Mount Eccles Netball Club:

Our 2019 Registration night is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March between 4-6pm at the LDNA courts (Leongatha). Age groups: U11 (boys & girls), U13 (boys & girls), U15 (boys & girls), U17/C (boys under 17 welcome) & Open grade. Junior trainings are Thursday nights, with the first session Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The season runs April-Sep with all games played at same times on Saturdays at the one central location. Contact the club at [mounteccles@gmail.com](mailto:mounteccles@gmail.com) or Chloe Cope 0459 999 622.

## Girl Guides:

Do you want your daughter to fulfil her potential, become resilient and self-reliant? Why not try Girl Guides? You can try Girl Guides in Leongatha for two free weeks to see if it is for you.

Lyrebirds – meet Wednesday 4.45 – 6.30pm for girls in grades 1-4

Lizards – meet Wednesday 6.30-8pm for girls in grades 5 and above

If you are interested in giving Guides a go, contact Chris Oliver on 0428 644 397 or [coliver@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:coliver@guidesvic.org.au)



**Great News!**  
**Teeth On Wheels**  
**are coming to your**  
**School**

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**TeethOnWheels™**  
a positive dental experience

Teeth On Wheels Mobile Dental Clinics are specifically designed to provide a fun and positive dental experience for all children.

### Why Teeth On Wheels?

- ✓ Cost saving (up to 30% saving on Private Dental Practices)
- ✓ CDBS for Eligible Families- **\$1000** of free dental across 2 years
- ✓ Convenience of onsite dental
- ✓ Private Health Insurance- Ability to claim
- ✓ An Accredited Dental Provider and members of the ADA (Australian Dental Association)

If your child's not eligible for Free dental, Teeth On Wheels can provide you with the below special.

### \$99 Special

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ Clean/Polish
- ✓ Flouride Treatment
- ✓ X-rays (if required)

Speak to our team to find out how to claim your private health insurance.

[teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/](http://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/)

**Complete the online consent form for your child to be seen.**



## 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.