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## BULLETIN

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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The teachers at Tarwin Valley value this relationship so much that we have made it one of our goals in 2019. Our aim is to speak with each family at least twice per term. We think it is critical that there is an ongoing discussion about each child's learning. For some it will be a focus on certain curriculum areas, for others it might be factors that impact on their learning such as social and wellbeing issues. Whatever the case may be, by talking regularly, each student, parent and teacher should be on the same page, working together to achieve together.

If the attendance of over 200 people at our School Welcome Night last Thursday is a guide to our progress, then I think we are well on our way with this goal. We made a few adjustments to the time and format in 2019 and were very excited by the attendance of over 80% of our students! It was brilliant having former students Will McDonald, Grace Thorson and Harrison Cummings be our special guests and present our new leaders with their badges. Each of the former students have been highly successful in forging paths for themselves and spoke about the importance of being involved their local communities and its flow on affects. Congratulations to Ms Donna Giliam on organising a great night, we look forward to more of its kind throughout the rest of the year.

This week we have another important event in forging these relationships with home, with the first of our Parent-Student-Teacher (PST) interviews. At the interviews we hope that all three parties engage in fruitful discussions that lead to improving the learning of each student. The time for each interview goes very fast but it is important that teachers stick to the timeline for the convenience of others. If you feel you would like a longer discussion please let the teacher know and they will organise an appropriate time.

*Gene VanderZalm, Principal*

### HELPING OUR SCHOOL:

- Bakers Delight Leongatha: This week we received a donation of \$31.75 from Bakers Delight Leongatha from the 2018 Dough Raiser Program. Bakers Delight Leongatha will donate 5% of all purchases made by you, back to Tarwin Valley PS. Simply mention our school when you make a purchase and Bakers Delight will record it. At the end of the year, they will add all the purchases together and forward 'dough' to us. Please support this fundraiser if possible.
- Student Banking: We also received \$110 commission this week from the Commonwealth Bank for our Student Banking program. Thanks again to Rhian Barclay who processes the bankbooks each week.

### CALENDAR

#### This week 27/2– 6/3

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – PST Interviews

Feb – 28<sup>th</sup> - Clean up Australia Day

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

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Tarwin Valley Connect Group meeting 9.15am

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

#### Upcoming

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

April 29<sup>th</sup>- May 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 3/4 Rumbug Camp

May 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> – Yr 5/6 Urban Camp

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

### Camp Payment Due Dates

#### Yr 1 Dinner

15<sup>th</sup> Mar -Money & Consent

#### Yr 2 Dinner/Sleepover

15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Money / Medical / Consent

#### Yr 3/4 Rumbug Camp / Yr 5/6 Melbourne Camp

- 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Deposit (or full payment) & Consent form

- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment / Medical form / Camp contract

- 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Final Installment



## **WOOD WORKER WANTED**

Is there anyone in our school community who is handy with a hammer and can spare the time to make some "lap books" for our classrooms? Please contact Mr Vanderzalm if you help us out.

## **EMAILS TO TEACHERS**

If parents/carers need to get a message to their child's teacher, or ask a question, it is advisable to email the teacher directly using Compass. If you are using the app on your phone, you will need to select the 'Open in Browser' option to display the email link. As teachers are busy in their classroom during the day and often on yard duty during recess and lunch times, it is not often practical or achievable for office staff to get messages to teachers.

## **TARWIN VALLEY CONNECT**

This group has parents working together on events like, but not limited to; hot lunches, graduation and a trivia night. If you are interested in finding out more about this group or joining, please come to our meeting on Friday the 1st of March at 9:15am in Room 3 (next to staffroom). This meeting will be to welcome new members and have some direction for the year. All welcome. Any questions please ask Donna Giliam.

## **POTOROO ART**

Tarwin Valley Grade 5/6 students worked with Kim, Zetta and Anda from Prom Coast Arts last Friday learning about and drawing potoroos, bandicoots and quolls.

Over the next couple of weeks, they will design and print pictures of these fascinating animals that were once common in South Gippsland. Their work will be displayed at YEP Gallery, Main Street, Foster during the Prom Coast Festival. Gallery hours 10 - 4 on 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 March.

The whole school community is invited to YEP Gallery at 2pm on Saturday 16 March for the opening event. This project is proudly sponsored by the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Association and Prom Coast Arts Inc.

## **COME AND CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA - 28/02/2019**

If any parents would like to roll up their sleeves and help 'Keep Australia Beautiful' Come and help your child's class for our 'School Clean Up Australia Day'. This event has been organised by the grade 3/4 GG students during our inquiry into waste. Each class will be cleaning up as part of their science lessons this week.

Also, thanks to those families who have sent in fabric for the beeswax wraps - I am still sourcing some beeswax and hope to get started as soon as possible.

Miss Giliam

Grade 5/6	Grade 3/4 R	Grade 3/4 GG	Grade 2	Grade 1	Prep
Footy oval & park 10.10-11	Rail Trail 9:20-10:10	Rail Trail 11:20-12:10	Community garden 12:10-1	Outside school boundary 1:40-2:30	School grounds 2:30-3:20

## **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- ☺ **Harriet F** for her great stamina to include a clear orientation and many interesting details in her recount writing.
- ☺ **Taylor L** for showing persistence and a positive attitude to her learning.
- ☺ **Alex J** for transitioning into Grade 3 with great maturity and consistently considering the needs of others.
- ☺ **Aylah H** for working very hard with Mrs. Dowd to complete great counting and physio.
- ☺ **Seamus H** for acting on the feedback he was given and making his writing more detailed.
- ☺ **Annika M** for her persistence and engagement when reading non-fiction books.

## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

- ☺ **Emily EB** for making things happen. First, she represented the school at District swimming and then organised a lunchtime basketball game.

## **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

### **Potoroos, Bandicoots and Quolls Art Exhibition @ Foster:**

An exploration of indigenous animals through printmaking at the YEP Gallery, Foster (Main Street). Open 10am – 4pm, March 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>. Featuring works from Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower, Tarwin Valley and Toora primary schools.

