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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School holidays have long been a hot topic debated by the general public. Like any opinion, you would hope that a person's view is based on experience or understanding. However, in some cases, it is not. So, to give you a little perspective on school holidays at Tarwin Valley PS I've addressed a few common points.

True: The school holidays are a time for students and teachers to recharge their batteries, try some different experiences and learn in some other ways. Now more than ever, behavioural scientists understand that learning does not occur at a linear rate. The times where we stop, reflect and then reattempt are critical in our learning journey. I strongly encourage all our students and teachers to switch off from school as much as possible. Energized students and teachers = energized classrooms where learning becomes possible.

False: The school holidays are the same for teachers and students. Thankfully, the vast majority of students are able to switch off from school during the holidays. Teachers on the other hand, use their holidays to catch up on professional reading, plan for the following term, restock and reorganise their classrooms and review assessments. We value this time because it allows us to get many jobs completed that would otherwise not be possible during the busy school weeks.

True: Australian students are at school for more days than most schools around the world. In Australia, public schools are mandated to provide 1000 hours (roughly 200 days and five hours per day) of education per year. However, our school days are shorter than the world average. This is partly due to Australia leaving much of the extra-curricular activities in a student's life until after school. In other countries, sport and musical pursuits are often included in a student's typical day.

But, like anything, it is finding the right balance. I hope that your child has found some time over the holidays to follow other healthy pursuits and is re-energized and ready for another wonderful term on their learning journey.

ANZAC Day

We are looking forward to a large turnout from our school community at the ANZAC Day March tomorrow morning. Students will assemble out the front of the Meeniyan Hall at 9.15am for a 9.30am march. This is a special occasion to many people for many reasons and is highly valued by the school community. Besides the street march, look out for some of our Grade 6 Leaders who will be sharing the war stories of some veterans they have researched. If you haven't attended this event before, please come along and watch as your child marches with the rest of the community in support of those that paid the ultimate price.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 book club catalogues have been distributed today. Orders (via LOOP app or online) close Friday 10th May.

CALENDAR

This week 24/4– 1/5

Apr 25th – ANZAC Day (pupil free)
9.15am ANZAC March

Apr 29th– May 1st Yr 3/4 Rumbug Camp

May 1st–3rd – Yr 5/6 Urban Camp

Upcoming

May 10th – Curriculum Day (pupil free)

May 10th – Book Club orders close

May 21st – School Council 7pm

May 31st – Ride/walk/run/BBQ 4pm

June 11th – 14th – Book Fair TBC

June 22nd – Trivia Night 7pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Woolworths Earn and Learn

1st May – 25th June

Place stickers in the Earn and Learn box located in the Shared space or Leongatha Woolworths.



Prep students had an Easter treat visiting Steve and Patricia at Pandesal Bakery, learning how to make Hot Cross Buns.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

Persuasive Writing from 3/4 R

Chickens are the Best Pets

Cooper

I believe chickens are the best pet because you can get food from them, you can pick them up, and they come in different colours.

Firstly, you can get food from chickens. You can kill them and eat them, and they let you get their eggs.

Secondly, you can pick them up and pat them this is very relaxing.

Thirdly, they come in different colours so they look pretty.

For these reasons, this is why I believe chickens are the best pet ever.



Cats are the Best Pets

Kayla

I believe cats are the best pets. When you are sad cats will come and sit on your lap, they are easy to feed, and like to sleep with you.

Firstly, when you are sad they come and lay on you. My cat Honey does this.

Secondly, they are very easy to feed, my cat is.

Thirdly, cats sleep with you. My cat sleeps on my bed.

That is why cats are extraordinary pets.



Rocks make the Best Pets

Kiarrah

I strongly believe a rock is the best pet in the whole wide world. They will not go anywhere, they do not die and come in different colours and sizes and they are easy to keep.

Firstly, rocks will not go anywhere. Rocks do not have any legs! Rocks cannot move around anywhere, so if you put it down you will know where it is.

Also, they come in different colours, shapes and sizes. Rocks are cool by the way they look.

Finally, they are easy to keep, and rocks will not die. Rocks don't eat anything so you don't have to buy anything for your rock.

For these reasons you can clearly see rocks truly are the best pets



COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications.

They are not considered school activities

Leongatha Secondary College Year 7 Information Evening:

Grade 4, 5 & 6 students and their parents are invited to a presentation about our College, its programs and facilities.

School led tours are available from 12.30pm until 3.30pm. When: Tuesday May 7th, 6.00pm followed by supper and an opportunity to meet with principals, coordinators and teaching staff. Where: Junior C Building (parents will be ushered from the office) www.leonsec.vic.edu.au or 5667 2200

Let's Talk About Parenting Program:

Let's Talk About Parenting, a parents building solution program. Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen? Communicate better with your child? Stay connected to your child? Come along to these four sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you.

When: Thursdays for four weeks, 6th June – 27th June Time: 1.00 – 3.00pm Where: Milpara Community House, 21 Shellcot Road, Korumburra Cost: FREE. Bookings essential

Bookings and further information: Parentzone Gippsland 5135 9555 or gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au



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).