



School News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Camp Week

Many students and staff will regard this week's camps as the highlight of their year. The reasons for this are varied but we like to think that the common ingredient is 'working with others'. In every camp, students are working outside their comfort zone. They learn how to support one another through these moments into what becomes almost a 'rite of passage'. On camp, they are given opportunities to work in real life situations outside the confines of the school fence. They are given the opportunity to push themselves in endless ways and they all do.



Still, in my experience, what is even more valuable are those moments that are totally unplanned. I'll never forget on our last Melbourne Camp when we had several of these. The first involved three, year 5 boys who upon realising that we had left over rolls in our lunch asked if they could share them with a homeless person sitting nearby. The man willingly accepted the rolls, said the kids were "Little Legends" and gave the teachers a wink. This lesson of giving was not on our itinerary but what it taught the whole group about humility was priceless. The second moment occurred one morning when the whole group ended up in the street out the front of our accommodation, some of us still in pyjamas, after the fire alarm went off due to a piece of burnt toast. It became a real-life fire drill. As simple as they were, these two moments became highlights that many students shared as their favourites when they graduated. True we come to school learn the basic skills that are required through life but boy it is nice to put them into practice sometimes too.

In 2019, we will be reviewing our current camp schedule. The staff at TVPS believe that camps play a critical role in a student's education but we also understand the financial pressures that come with them, particularly when families have more than one child attending. We will be assessing our current camps according to:

- When they occur? Spacing camps out to relieve pressure on families with multiple students. Giving families enough notice on camps so they can set up a payment plan.
- What are the benefits? We have different camps for different reasons but we need to keep reviewing whether a camp is providing what we need.
- Value for money? We are beginning to compare our current structure with other schools to find the best opportunities for our students whilst providing the best value for money for parents.

I would like to thank, you the parents, for the way you continue to support our camps. By sending in notes and payments in a timely manner you make our job so much easier. By preparing your students with the items they require and the right mindset, you make our camps less stressful.

And I would especially like to thank the staff (both classroom and admin) who give so much of their time to plan each camp so it is informative, fun, relevant, safe and runs to schedule. And that all of this is relayed to the students and their families....no easy task. There is no overtime or time in lieu, the time each staff member gives is their own choice. Make sure you thank the staff members at the end of each camp because without them, there just wouldn't be a camp.

CALENDAR

This week 1/5– 8/5

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 10th – Queens Birthday (pupil free)
- June 11th - 14th – Book Fair TBC
- June 22nd – Trivia Night 7pm
- June 25th – School Council 7pm
- June 28th - Last Day Term 2

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

NO Wednesday Gathering

this week due to school camps.

MACS

Thank you to our lovely parents and community volunteers at MACS who through their time at the store, enabled us to receive a cheque for \$1,968.22.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDED

We have a new family moving to the area who are in need of after school care for their son who will be attending TVPS. If anyone knows of any options, please contact the school. The family are happy to consider any opportunities.

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 4-6 students and parents are invited to a presentation about our College, its programs and facilities. School led tours 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:

A parents building solution program. Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen, communicate better and 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 5135 9555

Leongatha Knights Football Club:

If your child is 12 and under and looking for a sport that offers fun activities, ball skills, team sport, professional coaching and a friendly environment then *'Leongatha Knights Football Club is the place for them'*.

Through training sessions and Sunday matches the children will enjoy the wonderful growing sport of soccer.

Come along to the training sessions and have a try: 115 Horn Street, Leongatha (Mary MacKillop)

Tuesday's Under 8's 4.30pm – 5.30pm Wednesday's Under 10's 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday's Under 12's 5.00pm – 6.00pm For more info, please contact lknightsccommittee@gmail.com



Woolworths Earn and Learn 1/5 – 25/6

Collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths and put them in one of the collections boxes, either at the Leongatha Woolworths store or in the Shared Space at school. Stickers collected contribute to the purchasing of resources and equipment.



Mention TVPS when shopping at the Leongatha store. At the end of the year, Bakers Delight will contribute 5% of all purchases made against Tarwin Valley to our school to help with the purchase of equipment.

MACS

By volunteering your time at the Meeniyan op-shop, you can help raise funds for our school. Shifts are 3 hours long and can be done, weekly, fortnightly or monthly (whatever works for you). Please contact the school or MACS if you are able to help.



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.