



School News



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Early this week we received very sad news that one of our staff, Jenni Swan passed away. Jenni had been unwell for several months and sadly, died on Sunday night at her home in Leongatha. Jenn was a big part of our school in recent years, working closely, often in small groups to support students in their learning. Jenni almost single-handedly managed the costuming and props for our school concerts, including last year's magical production, 'A Day At The Museum.'

Our staff have all been informed and as you can imagine are dealing with their grief in different ways. Teachers have discussed Jenni's passing with the classes that knew her so please be understanding with your child if they have any questions or are distressed by her death.

A memorial service for Jenni Swan will be held on Friday afternoon at the Leongatha RSL at 2.30pm and many staff will be attending. As a result, please understand that there will be reduced staffing available from 1:30pm on Friday and the admin office will be closed. We thank you in advance for your consideration at this time.

Last year you will have heard me refer to 'Grit' on a number of occasions. Grit is the driving force behind everything that we achieve in life. Countless studies show that it, rather than intelligence and/or talent, is the key factor in determining an individual's or teams success. We all have it but what differs between each of us is how much we have of it in certain areas. At TVPS, GRIT is a cornerstone behind what we are trying to achieve with our students. As teachers, we are always looking out for it, encouraging it and hoping to foster its development.

The basic definition of Grit is, *"An individual's perseverance of effort combined with their passion for a particular long-term goal or end state. This perseverance of effort promotes the overcoming of obstacles or challenges that lie on the path to accomplishment and serves as a driving force in achievement realization."* Basically, it's all those things in life that you have never given up on and continued to work hard at. It has nothing to do with intelligence or talent. Instead, it has everything to do with Grit.

For some of us, it is a hobby or our job. As a student, if I told you that you had to take up hockey you would probably have given it a go but it is unlikely you would practice and stick at it for very long to develop the necessary skills. However, if I told you to take up something which you are passionate about and see value in, then there is every likelihood that you would persist. The same with relationships, there are some that we value highly and have long term plans for while there are others that come and go, especially if both parties don't hold the same values or plans.

As you can see, Grit is the combination of future planning and perseverance.

So how do we encourage this in our children? Well there are a number of places to start:

- Together with your child, take an interest in the world, both near and far. There they will see a plethora of opportunities and things to be interested in. They will find out **how** certain people achieved certain things rather than just focusing on what their achievements were.
- Where necessary, guide and advise them but allow them to fight their own battles. If they have an issue or a grievance, try to hold back and allow them to work their way through it.
- Praise their efforts rather than the result. In an age of certificates, ribbons and medals for everyone, this is no easy task unless you are prepared for it.

If you are like me, you are now considering all the areas in your own life where you have demonstrated Grit and all the areas where perhaps we could have done with an extra dose. The beauty is that it is never too late to start.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

CALENDAR

This week 29/5– 5/6

May 31st – Ride/walk/run/BBQ 4pm

Upcoming

June 10th – Queens Birthday (pupil free)

June 11th - 13th – Book Fair

June 11th-14th – Woorabinda Camp

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



BOOK FAIR

Room 3

Tuesday 11th June - 3.30-4pm

Wed 12th / Thurs 13th June -
8.20-8.50am & 3.30-4.00pm

HELP WANTED

Prep G and 1LT are looking for assistance from a community member with a current working with children check to volunteer sometime in the Prep and Grade One classes. This would entail assisting individual students with literacy tasks, provided and explained by classroom teachers. This may suit a current reading parent who may like to help in their child's classroom in a different way. Please email (via the Compass app) or phone Emma Lester or Claire Guy to express your interest, your help would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council met for their monthly meeting last Tuesday 21st May. Three new sub-committees have been created to work on projects relating to "Buildings and Grounds", "Grants" and "Community". "Buildings and Grounds" are creating a Wish List of things that would enhance the learning and enjoyment for our kids at school. "Grants" look at which Grants are available that fit with our Wish List and submit applications in the hope that we receive some funding. "Community" explore ways that the school can contribute to the local community as well as avenues to involve the community in fundraising events to achieve our Wish List. So keep an eye out for some exciting new projects around the school.



TVPS Trivia Night

Saturday 22nd June, 7pm – Meeniyan Hall

Information and ticket details attached to the newsletter.
BYO drinks and nibbles. Bring gold coins for extra fun and games!

DONATIONS PLEASE

The Trivia Night is on again and we are looking for donations of goods and services from our wonderful families and community for our silent auction. The proceeds will go towards our school.

Everyone has something to offer!

Here is a list of ideas – you are only limited by your imagination:

- Gardening service vouchers
- Cleaning service vouchers
- Mechanical service vouchers
- Remedial therapy vouchers
- Classes (yoga, dancing, personal training, art)
- Farm produce (meat, vegetables, honey, preserves)
- Accommodation
- Handmade items
- Garden supplies (plants, trees, rocks)
- Vouchers from local cafes
- Items from local stores

What a wonderful way to support your child's school!

Please contact Donna Giliam to offer your support: giliam.donna.d@edumail.vic.gov.au



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Indie H** for great focus during writing group and trying out new letter patterns in her writing.
- ☺ **Elsie Mae J** for her diligent home reading that allowed her to read all 300 Magic Words.
- ☺ **Hayley D** for reacting in a mature and respectful manner in a range of situations.
- ☺ **Keerah P** for consistently demonstrating wonderful initiative in her own learning.
- ☺ **Emma P** for the effort and thought she is giving to learning about writing in a consistent 'tense'.
- ☺ **Keelie P** for her improvement and effort during our procedural writing unit.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Sophie M** for her wonderful understanding of how to make her story successful and how to challenge herself accordingly.
- ☺ **Christian L** for the dedicated practice he has put into his Magic 100 words.

YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Rose S** for using a wax sandwich wrap.

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly winner: Wattle

Overall Winner: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Melbourne Youth Orchestra @ Wonthaggi Arts Centre:

Paul Rissman's musical adventure *Stan and Mabel* is coming to the Wonthaggi Arts Centre as part of a school holiday program. Aimed at children 3-8 years old, it is an interactive concert based on the book by Jason Chapman. A perfect introduction to classical music for young audiences.

When: Tuesday 9th July, 1.30pm

Cost: \$15 for children 11 and under, \$20 for children 12 and over

Booking: Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BADJX>, in person at the Box Office or by phone 5671 2470



Leongatha Scouts:

Do you like doing fun things? Going on adventures? Camping in the great outdoors? Learning new and exciting things? Then Cubs or Scouts could be just the thing for you!

Come and try Cubs or Scouts for yourself – 3 Nights for FREE

Where: 2nd Leongatha Scout Hall, Allison Street Leongatha

When: Tuesday nights from 7.00- 9.00pm – Scouts Thursday nights from 6.30-- 8.00pm - Cubs

Contact the Group Leader on mobile 0499 233 158 or by email at gl.2ndleongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.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).

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.

DATE: Saturday 22 June 2019 **TIME:** 7.00pm **PLACE:** Meeniyán Town Hall



Trivia Night – Saturday 22nd June – 7pm

The Trivia Night is on again!

Come along and join us at the Meeniyán Hall for what is set to be another fantastic night of fun and laughs.

The night will be a great opportunity to mix, mingle and make the most of being part of the school community.

It will also be a fun way to help raise money for the school. Bring some gold coins for extra fun and games

BYO drinks and nibbles to share with your team for this adult's only event.

Tables of 8 will be set up on the night – Organise a group or take a lucky dip.

You don't need a group, just come along and we will make sure everyone is part of a team.

When you arrive on the night check the seating plan, or see one of our friendly organisers who will be there to show you to your table so you can meet your team and settle in before the games begin.

For ticketing of event information, see any one of our Tarwin Valley Connect Parents

Trivia Night Tickets

Name:

Phone:

No of tickets: @ \$10 each

Total:

Ticket orders will need to be returned by: **Wednesday 12th June**