



# School News

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Who remembers what the number one influence is in a child's education?*

Last week I was fortunate to attend the annual Victorian Department of Education Leadership Conference in Melbourne and listen to a number of thought provoking and engaging speakers. One of these speakers was a Canadian lady named Debbie Pushor, a specialist in the field of parent engagement in schools. Debbie reminded us that parent engagement in their child's learning is one of the strongest predictors of success. Teachers come and go, students even change schools but the one constant in every child's development is their parent's engagement in their learning.

*So what is the difference between parent engagement and involvement?*

We love it when our parents are able to attend school functions and help out with a range of different school tasks. Some of these tasks include being on school council, assisting with school events, special hot lunches and tasks such as covering books and works within our school grounds. ***This is parent involvement.***

However, ***Parent engagement is about learning with the child.*** Here, parents become a resource to their child's learning. Besides being more engaged in their child's learning, the parents have a greater sense of control over what is currently happening and what will benefit their child next. Examples include current practices such as listening to students read and being an audience and giving feedback at student presentations.

Although there is a plethora of research showing a direct correlation between parent engagement and student achievement, many schools struggle to make the most of this untapped resource. Thorough planning and preparation will be vital to us successfully implementing parent engagement at TVPS. Teachers will need to open their current practice and ask for assistance while parents will need to manage their time and volunteer when asked, thus making the shift in our minds from school being a place where, "I drop the student off and the school will take care of the rest" to, "We will achieve better results with this students learning if we work together."

Of course parents have their own jobs and commitments to fill their lives but there are easy ways that the school can enable them to be more involved. In the near future, teachers and students will begin brain-storming some ways for parents to be involved in the students learning. Parent feedback will be critical at these times so please help us out by being engaged.

**Gene VanderZalm**

## STAFF EMAILS

A link to staff emails has now been set up on the Tarwin Valley PS website. If you need to contact your child's teacher or any staff member, jump on the website, head to General Info and choose 'Meet the Team'. Under each staff member's photo is an email link you can use to contact them directly. You can also use the email link on your child's Compass page.

## CALENDAR

**This week 12/6 – 19/6**

**Book Fair** – Wednesday & Thursday  
8.20am – 8.50am & 3.30pm – 4.00pm

## Upcoming

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Trivia Night 7pm

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** – School Council 7pm

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** – 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.



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
**Meenyan Town Hall**  
**7pm**

BYO drinks and nibbles. Bring gold coins for extra fun and games!

Tickets are available until **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. Slip at the end of the newsletter.

## FROM THE PREP / 1 ROOMS:

### PMP THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Prep and Grade One parents who helped with PMP this term. We appreciate you giving your time to help the students develop their skills - it would not be possible without your support.

Take Home Books Missing - **REWARD OFFERED!** Please return any take home books you may find at home. We are low on certain levels and urge you to hunt around at home for them. House points will be given for any books returned!

## Living Safely with Dogs

Last Tuesday Prep and One students enjoyed a visit from Berry and her dog Millie for the 'Living Safely with Dogs' session. Berry taught students how to be safe around dogs, what microchips and registration tags were for and how to care for dogs. Students also learnt the steps to approach a friendly dog, including asking their owners first and what to do if approached by an angry dog. Parents - ask your child if they remember the steps for these scenarios! Here are some of the written recounts by Prep G.



Wyatt - We had a dog at school.

Lloyd - If you go near a dog and stare at them, you will get a fright.

Riley - I patted the dog in the Prep room.

Caleb - I know what to do when I see a dangerous dog.

Hudson - I learnt about dogs, not to pat a dog while it's eating.

Joseph - I will never forget the safety rules. The safety collar means stay away.

Jonathan - I watched the angry dog.

Alyssa - We patted the dog.

Blake - If you see a bad dog you stop.

Max - Berry and Millie - what a dog!

Benjamin - The dangerous collar is big.

Tessa - Berry is showing us her dog, it's name is Millie. We got to pat the dog. Berry is at school and she is showing us Millie. Millie was a nice dog.

Louie - I will never forget this day because I got to pat the dog, Millie.

Destiny - At school came Millie and Berry.

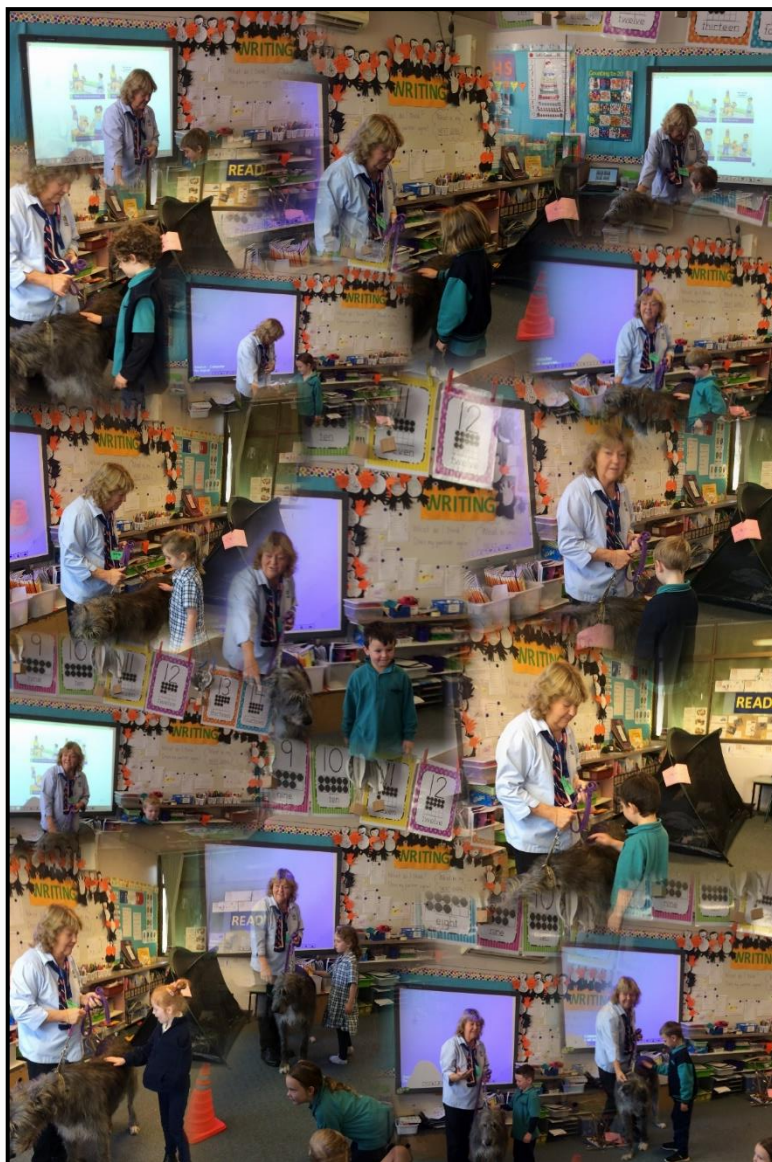
Walker - Millie came to school. If a dog has a dangerous collar, do not pat it.

Sarah - I got to pat the dog. I love the dog. Millie.

Indi D - No patting when a dog is eating.

Cody - I got to pat the dog. I learned you have to be careful of dogs!

Indie H - When you see a dog which is angry you stand still and look down at the ground. When you see a dog that is scared you don't go to pat.



## Trivia Night Tickets

Name:	Phone:
No of tickets: @ \$10 each	Total:
Ticket orders will need to be returned by: <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- 😊 **Hudson G** for fantastic focus working on subtraction games with a Grade 1 partner.
- 😊 **Adisyn P** for her kind, thoughtful attitude she displays towards her peers.
- 😊 **Amelia W** for taking on challenges with her learning.
- 😊 **Cooper K** for demonstrating excellent growth in his reading skills and strategies.
- 😊 **Adele P** for hard work and determination resulting in great growth in mathematics.
- 😊 **Hayley P** for her continued efforts to improve her understanding of fractions and decimals.

### HOUSE POINTS

**Weekly winner:** Bluegum

**Overall Winner:** Bluegum



## TVPS Trivia Night

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### 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

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