



# School News



*Aim High, Achieve Together*



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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is without a doubt the toughest job in life. It has the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, it can monopolise our thoughts and doesn't pay a cent. The job I'm referring to is parenting. Personally, I've made every mistake there is to make but I thank the friends and family I have around me that point me in the right direction every now and then.

One lesson I've learned, sometimes the hard way, is to be mindful of what we say and how we act around our children. As toddlers we all know that children are like little sponges. They soak up all of our bad habits and somehow expose them to the world at the most inopportune times. Let me let you in on a secret, as primary schoolers they are no different, they just know how to mask it better.

As parents, we are a constant model for our children. What we say, they take in, right to the heart of their souls. Unlike us, they have no comparison, what we say is how it is, verbatim.

In recent weeks I've seen the damage this can cause at school. The following is a list of behaviours that I would like parents to be mindful of when talking in front of their children:

- Avoid talking about adult issues. Housing, money and issues involving relationships between adults are too complex for our children to grasp. We think that by being open with these details we are helping them where as in reality we only provide them with anxiety and stress.
- Avoid talking poorly about other family members. This is often the hardest rule to follow with tricky family situations but we need to allow them to make up their own minds. The research is clear; if we get this one wrong, we end up raising highly judgmental adolescents that struggle to form relationships.
- Keep positive about school. Every person who attends school will at some stage have a tricky relationship with another student, teacher or their schoolwork. Our role as parents is to stay as neutral as possible and encourage our children to work their way through these issues in a positive way – like talking it through, sometimes more than once! What we sometimes lose sight of is that all of these experiences are preparing our children for their adult lives. There will be times where they have troubles with bosses, co-workers or their work. It will be at these times that they call on the lessons we, as parents, have taught them at school.

In short, keep a clear divide between adult and child issues, communicate through the child issues and work hard for outcomes that will be positive for your child's future.

**Parent Opinion Survey:** Thank you to those families who have completed the survey. We have now reached the minimum number required by the Department.

*Principal, Gene VanderZalm*

## CALENDAR

**This week 14/8 – 21/8**

- Aug 14<sup>th</sup>** - Pies Distributed, 2.30-3.30
- Aug 15<sup>th</sup>** – Years 3-6 Wilson's Prom trip
- Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** – Opinion survey closes

## Upcoming

- Aug 27<sup>th</sup>** – School Council 7pm
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** – Book Club Orders Close

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

## Pie Drive Collection

Today 2.30 – 3.30  
Teacher Workspace

## Save the Date

2019 TVPS Concert

***DON'T JUDGE A  
BOOK BY ITS  
COVER***

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
1.30pm Matinee  
7pm Evening

## CAR PARKING & SCHOOL CROSSING

You are again reminded about the need to observe the parking restrictions around our school. We have had several cars dropping students off within the NO STANDING area near the School Crossing. It is NEVER OK to 'just quickly' drop children off in this restricted area as it is unsafe.

## MACS

The Meeniyan and Community Shop (MACS) is our biggest fundraiser at TVPS. So far this year, we have received \$7,720.65. This is thanks to our wonderful community members volunteering their time. Since 2007, we have received a total of just over \$79,000 from MACS, which has been used to purchase play equipment, including the recent replacement of the fort, computers and IT equipment as well as furniture and other equipment.

MACS are currently in need of more volunteers to fill numerous positions at the store. If you are interested in helping MACS and TVPS, please contact Jayne on 0407 862 863 or Pat on 0408 038 829.

### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- 😊 **Tessa T** for using new vocabulary and a variety of characters and settings in her narratives.
- 😊 **Harriett F** for her determination and grit when challenging herself in maths, even when the challenges became enormous.
- 😊 **Harvey K** for contributing to a very positive transition in to his new school. A great start Harvey!
- 😊 **Matilda P** for her enthusiasm, interest and memory of the names of animal offspring.
- 😊 **Piper H** for never being afraid to ask for assistance with her learning.



### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

- 😊 **Josh A** for the care and effort he put into his highly informative oral presentation.




## 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



## Joke

Q. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

A. The egg won't crack the concrete floor!

