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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Late last term the staff began work on creating a School Vision and a set of School Values with Challenging Learning consultant, George Telford. Some parents will remember George from last year when he gave a presentation on how best to challenge and support your school child. The School Vision and Values will form the basis of everything we do and ensure we as a school stay on track to follow the path we desire for our students.

This term, I am calling on parents and students to have their input into the development of these School Vision and Values by answering the following two questions:

- 1. What are the best characteristics of our school?**
- 2. What could we do to celebrate and support each child's uniqueness, gifts and talents?**

Once we have input from the parents, students and teachers we will bring their responses together and develop them into a concise and easy to follow statement. This new School Vision will take pride of place within our school where all members of the school community can use it to guide us in our pursuit to improve.

Please keep your responses short, as the aim for the Vision and Values is for them not to be too wordy, dot points are fine. Parents may email their responses to the school email tarwin.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or fill out the slip below. Thank you and we look forward to your input.

What are the best characteristics of our school? _____

What could we do to celebrate and support each child's uniqueness, gifts and talents? _____

CALENDAR

This week 21/8 – 28/8

- Aug 27th** – School Council 7pm
- Aug 28th** – Performance helper slip due
- Aug 28th** – Garlic Festival volunteer slip due

Upcoming

- Aug 30th** – Book Club Orders Close
- Aug 30th** – Swimming intent note due
- Sep 13th** - Base costumes Should be at school
- Sep 19th** - School Performance
1pm & 7pm
- Sep 20th** – Last day Term 3

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

Principal, Gene VanderZalm

REMINDER ABOUT LODGING STUDENT ABSENCE ON COMPASS

Parents are reminded that the most efficient way to notify us of student absences is via the Compass app. Notifications are sent to parents at 9.45am each day if your child is absent. It's a simple process to click on the link and register the reason for the absence. With the large amount of absences this term, it's important that parents keep us informed, so we don't have to continually follow up with letters and phone call home. If you need a Compass password reset, please talk to the office staff.

PIE DRIVE

A big thank you to all the families who got behind our recent Pie Drive. We are excited to announce that our school community raised \$686.63 to go towards the new building. Thank you to Lauren at Bread and Pickles for all her delicious baking and a special thanks to Simone Jans for volunteering her time to help coordinate all the orders.

INVITATION TO FAMILIES

Grade 3s and 4s have been working hard learning about continents in the southern hemisphere, focussing on the features, habitats and wildlife. Part of their learning has been to show how animals have adapted to their environment. The children have been creating either a poster, PowerPoint presentation, or diorama to show their learning, along with an information report of their chosen animal. On Wednesday the 28th of August we would like to invite families along to see and discuss our work, this will give all children the opportunity to share their understandings with our school community. We will have our projects ready to share from 2.20pm onwards in and around the 3/4 classrooms (depending of the weather). We look forward to seeing you there.
3/4R & GG

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

School performances are major events and work so much better when school and families partner together to put on a performance we can all be proud of. It is that time of year again when we ask our school community for volunteers to assist with our performance in various ways. If you would like to help, please complete the 'Parent Reply Form' at the end of the newsletter and return to school by Wednesday 28th August.



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Information on base costumes required for each class is attached to the newsletter. All base costumes are to be sent to school by **Friday 13th September**. Please send items in a named sturdy plastic or canvas shopping bag.

Tickets will be available to purchase from next week. Ticket order forms will be in the newsletter. Performance times are **1.00pm** and **7.00pm** (Please note matinee time has changed to allow kinder children to attend the performance).

GARLIC FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

The Garlic Festival committee has approached our school to assist at the Garlic Festival on Saturday 15th February. We would like to help the community and be a part of this event but we need your help. We are seeking 20-30 volunteers for the event. If you are able to volunteer, please fill in the reply slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school by Wednesday 28th August.

2019 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Information about our 2019 swimming program is attached to the newsletter. Please return the expression of interest to school by Friday 30th August.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Max G** for developing the strategy of re-reading to make his own corrections and keep meaning.
- ☺ **Dominique Q** for a wonderful first week at TVPS. Well done on her resilient, can-do attitude.
- ☺ **Cooper W** for being a responsible and reliable helper in the room.
- ☺ **Mia A** for her effort and determination to partition arrays to solve problems.
- ☺ **Corey R** for managing himself with persistence and great effort on the big day out at the Prom.
- ☺ **Lylah K** for making sure she gets everything out of her learning opportunities by persisting and asking questions.



YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Haidee F** for picking up and sorting rubbish.

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly winner: Bluegum

Overall Winner: Bluegum

Our Family Trip

Our family went on a cruise in July. We caught a plane from Avalon airport and flew to Sydney. In Sydney, we went to the Sydney Eye, the Sydney Zoo, and the Sydney Aquarium. We spent 10 nights on the boat. I think there were 900,000 or less people on the boat. There was an arcade on the boat, there was a lolly shop on the boat, and there was a waterpark on the boat. The slide went off the side of the boat. I went on the slide 3 times. I got a loot llama in the claw machine game in the arcade. We stayed on deck 8. The boat stopped at Noumea, Lifou Isle, Port Villa, Isle of Pines and Mystery Island. We went swimming on some of the islands but the water was very cold and very salty.
By Shannon

WILSONS PROM

As part of our learning about National Parks and eco-systems the grade 3-6 children went to Wilsons Prom last Thursday. Students worked with Park Rangers and a volunteer group called Friends of the Prom. We planted grasses across from the education centre and went to the nursery to find out how the seeds were harvested and where they can and can't be planted. The weather was perfect, the company was fabulous and after all our hard work the kids ran in the sunshine near Tidal River.

At the Prom I saw a wombat, a wallaby, a rosella and a Kookaburra. The kookaburra stole Miss Giliam's sandwich and it was her last bite and Miss Giliam was mad! *Mia*

The first thing we did was we went to the bridge. The person in charge said the water is brown because the tea trees in the little mountains were flowing down to the river. After that we walked to the nursery we saw a load of trees. At the nursery we saw loads of baby trees and we got to take home a tree. Then we got to plant some trees. We did that then we went to the beach for a play. Then we went on the bus and went back to school. *Seamus*

When we got there we went to the bridge, then we went to the nursery. I learned that you had to put this powder in the pot we took home. Then we got to plant other trees into the ground. We put some jelly stuff into the hole to make it grow better. Then we went back to school. *Angus*

When we went to Wilsons Prom I got bitten by a jumping jack, it HURT! When we went down to the beach Sarah and I made big chicken footprints in the sand that lead to a big chicken with an egg. When we went back to the bus a bird flew on my head. *Makayla*.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

CFA Fundraiser – Comedy Night:

Anthony Lamond Production presents 'The Suburban Footballer'. One of the most in demand comedians in Australia.

Where: Meeniyah Town Hall

When: Saturday 7th September

Time: Show starts 8.00pm

Cost: \$25

Bookings: Book online at www.trybooking.com

For further information, phone Justine 0428 506 390

Raising funds for the CFA

Central Enrolments for 3 year old kinder:

To enrol your child in funded three-year-old kindergarten for next year you will need to **register now**. Kindergarten enrolment is centralised through South Gippsland Shire Council. Simply complete a single enrolment form and nominate your kindergarten preferences. Enrolments must be lodged by 30 September. You can enrol at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment For more information, phone 5662 9200

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Garlic Festival Volunteer Slip

Return to school by Wednesday 28th August

Yes, I am interested in helping at the 2020 Garlic Festival, Saturday 15th February.

Name _____

Ph No. _____

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SCHOOL PERFORMANCE HELPERS

Name _____

PH _____



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<input type="checkbox"/> Scenery/Prop Workshop	Friday 6 th September
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport scenery and Props to hall	Wednesday 18/9 morning
<input type="checkbox"/> Transport scenery and Props back to school	After performance
<input type="checkbox"/> Decorate the hall	Afterschool Wed 19/9
<input type="checkbox"/> Hall Set Up-Seating	Afterschool Wed 19/9
<input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Distribution	
<input type="checkbox"/> Script Rehearsal with students	
<input type="checkbox"/> Costume helpers for rehearsal & performance	Wednesday 18 th Sept & Thursday 19 th September
Other skills	

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2019 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

Swimming safety and experience in and around water is now a core requirement of the Victorian Curriculum that students have to learn and be assessed on regardless of whether they have done or do private swimming lessons. In other words, schools are mandated to teach it and just like the elements of reading, writing and maths students will be assessed on their learning.

Our school uses the expertise of the swimming instructors at SPLASH in Leongatha for all year levels. The grouping of students does not necessarily reflect their swimming abilities. The SPLASH teachers combine information from their own database with that from the school, to best group students for lessons. These groupings are not always a true and accurate reflection of a child’s swimming ability but nor are they intended to be. To suffice the requirements of this program the groupings may be quite general.

Department of Education provides funding to ensure that all Year 6 students receive free access to the program. We will again this year, apply for a Sporting Schools grant and if successful will be able to provide a greatly subsidised or free program for all other students.

The swimming program is due to commence in Term 4, with Years 3-6 travelling to SPLASH for 4 consecutive days – Tuesday October 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, Friday 18th. Years Prep-2 will have 5 lessons, once per week on Fridays – November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and December 6th.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from families regarding their child’s participation so we can plan this program. Please return the form below to school by Friday 30th August, so we can finalise our booking and costing. If your child will not be participating can you please provide your reasons in the comment section below.

Thank you.

2019 SWIMMING PROGRAM – Please return by Friday 30th August

Parent/Guardian Name _____

- YES my child/ren _____ will be taking part in the school swimming program this year.
- My child/ren _____ will NOT be taking part in the school swimming program this year.

Comment: _____



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2019 Performance - Base Costume List

Dear Parents,

Base costumes are required for all students. We will be adding some specialised elements to them at school to enhance the overall look of the costume. We have tried to choose clothing that most students will already have or can be easily borrowed, sourced from op-shops, etc. No singlets or straps on t-shirts.

All students are required to wear shoes they can safely dance in, no boots, sandals, dress shoes etc. Sneakers or runners are preferred.

Prep Base Costumes: Clean, plain t-shirt, white preferred, or any colour (not black), long or short sleeves (no singlets). Black or navy tracksuit pants (or leggings for girls). No Jeans. Wear either sneakers or runners (no boots, sandals, dress shoes).

Students in Grades 1: Clean, plain t-shirt of any colour (not black), long or short sleeves (no singlets). Some students will have a note given requesting a specific colour to match their character. Black or navy tracksuit pants (or leggings for girls). No Jeans. Wear either sneakers or runners (no boots, sandals, dress shoes).

Students in Grades 2: Clean, plain t-shirt of any colour (not black), long or short sleeves (no singlets). Mr and Little Miss characters may wish to wear a complimenting colour to their image but not mandatory. Black or navy tracksuit pants (or leggings for girls). No Jeans. Wear either sneakers or runners (no boots, sandals, dress shoes).

Students in 3/4 R Witches: Narrators can wear neat casual. Witches are to wear dresses or long skirts. Shawls, cardigans, hats (not witchy). We have very limited dresses at school so we recommend MACS. They are to look like innocent "CWA" ladies. The two boys from the play are dressed in neat casual.

Students in 3/4 GG Twits: Narrators can wear neat casual. Mr Twits x 4 to wear 'dirty', old, baggy, ill-fitting clothes with holey jumpers etc. Mrs Twits X 4 to wear 'dirty', old, dress or skirt, etc. They are 'feral' characters. Birds can wear bright coloured clothing. We will provide "feathery wings" Monkeys wear dark coloured pants and top.

All students in Grades 5 & 6: Neat casual (no singlets, or short shorts, skirts, etc). Sneakers/runners preferred. No high heels or shoes that would come off dancing.

5/6 Wild Things will wear a jacket or poncho, jumper, cardigan, or leafy camo ghillie jacket etc over the top of base costume to suggest a wild creature. I have some faux fur coats. If you have something at home that could be used that would be great. Furry, feathery, leafy, wild extras could be added.

All base costumes need to be sent to school in a named sturdy plastic or canvas shopping bag by Friday 13th September.