



School News

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week I surveyed the Grade 2 to 6 students about their attitudes towards learning in relation to what has been engaging and interesting at school and what they are proud of. The survey is totally anonymous and provides the teachers and students with guidance towards what is working in the classroom and what may need to change. A wide range of different responses were recorded but interestingly topics related to Maths, Writing and Project work were the most popular.

Another question asked was what has NOT been helpful in their learning? Overwhelmingly, the responses were aimed at other students. This survey provides us with a small insight into the attitudes and beliefs of our students. We share this information with the students, and together form solutions that hopefully make school more engaging and interesting.

It also allows us to inform students about the rules that we as teachers are governed by too. Some students wanted longer lunches, more or less of different subjects and a wide range of projects that would cost a lot of money! When it was explained that longer lunches would be fine, it would just mean longer days as we are mandated to teach a certain number of hours each year; all students agreed we should leave things the way they are.

I cherish these opportunities to quiz students about their beliefs and ideas. It allows us to inform them so they can make better decisions, thus empowering them to be their best.

Principal, Gene VanderZalm

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of clothing in our lost property bins located in the Shared Space and in the foyer of the Heritage building. If your child is missing items, please have a look, as anything that is unnamed and unclaimed at the end of term will be donated to MACS.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE COSTUM

Base costumes should be at school this Friday in a sturdy, named bag ready for next week's performance.

2020 YEAR 6 UNIFORMS

Sample sizes of both the t-shirts and rugby style jumpers are available at the school office for students to try on.

YEAR 3-6 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Consent and medical forms will hopefully be distributed on Friday (we are still awaiting confirmation about our Sporting Schools grant). All forms and payments, (if required) are due back to school by Tuesday 8th October.

CALENDAR

This week 11/9 – 18/9

Sep 13th – Base costumes to be at school in a named bag

Upcoming

Sep 19th – School Performance
1pm & 7pm

Sep 20th – Shoebox donations due
Sep 20th – Free dress day – gold coin donation

Sep 20th – Last day Term - 2.20pm dismissal

7th Oct – First Day Term 4

8th Oct – Yr 3-6 swimming Consent/ Medical/ payment due

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 2:20pm to be included.

Performance Tickets

Don't forget to order your tickets for next week's school performance.



DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

An order form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

FREE DESK

We are looking for a home for this large corner desk with built in shelving and drawers. It would be great for the home office or a workbench in the shed! Each of the two lengths are approx. 2.4m. If you are interested, contact the school office. Please be aware that you will need to organise the removal and transportation of the desk, which will need to be done before the holidays as demolition of the building will commence.



TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	November	December
7 – Term 4 commences	4 – Pupil Free Day	6 – P-2 Swimming
15 – Year 3-6 Swimming	5 - Melbourne Cup Day (pupil free)	10 – School Council EoY
16 – Year 3-6 Swimming	8 – P-2 Swimming	10 – State wide Orientation day
17 – Year 3-6 Swimming	13 – Yr 6 Christmas Cakes begin TBC	12 – Year 6 Graduation Evening
18 – Year 3-6 Swimming	15 – P-2 Swimming	16 – End of year Celebration
21 – Dental van visit	19 – School Council	17 – Christmas bake up day
22 – School Council	22 – P-2 Swimming	18 – Class parties
28 – State Athletics	29 – P-2 Swimming	20 – Last day of Term 4

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Caleb M** for sharing his feelings to solve problems more easily.
- ☺ **Scarlett B** for making the most of every learning opportunity.
- ☺ **Hayley D** for showing persistence when solving maths tasks.
- ☺ **Stacey J** for her commitment and enthusiasm toward our concert dance practice.
- ☺ **Oliver S** for improving his self-management which has led to improved learning.
- ☺ **Tara S** for always working well with her partner or group, demonstrating wonderful collaborative skills.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Haidee F** for the growth she has demonstrated in her learning this year through resilience and consistent expectations for herself.

YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Sarah L** for a garbage free lunch.

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly winner: Wattle **Overall Winner:** Bluegum

Christmas Shoeboxes!

This year our school is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes. Each Christmas shoeboxes filled with clothes, small gifts and school supplies are delivered to children in developing countries. These boxes are really loved and such a treasured gift as many of these children have very little and many have never received a gift before. Being involved with this activity is wonderful for our children too, as it encourages them to be generous and to care about others who are less fortunate.

Each classroom will be given a shoebox to fill, and if your family would like to donate an item it would be really appreciated. All items must be new, and cannot be second hand.

Gift Ideas Include

Something to love: soft toy, teddy bear or doll.

Something for school: exercise book, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener.

Something to wear: T-shirts, shorts, underwear, caps, beanies, sandals, thongs.

Something to play with: tennis ball, matchbox cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, finger puppets, (nothing battery operated)

Something for personal hygiene: soap, face washer, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, scrunchies.

Something special: carry bag, pencil case, sunglasses, craft kits, stickers, a note.

*Prohibited items include liquids (including toothpaste), food, powders, breakable or war related items.

All donations need to be in by the last day of term for Shoebox collection. Thank you so much!

For more info contact Danielle Lacy 0417601160.



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

2019 SCHOOL CONCERT TICKETS



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THURSDAY 19th September - MEENIYAN TOWN HALL

MATINEE PERFORMANCE – 1.00PM	EVENING PERFORMANCE – 7.00PM
Name: _____ _____ Adults @ \$7 per seat _____ _____ Children (-12) @ \$3 per seat _____ Please find enclosed \$_____	Name: _____ _____ Adults @ \$7 per seat _____ _____ Children (-12) @ \$3 per seat _____ Please find enclosed \$_____