



School News

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Responsibility

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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last two weeks have been particularly tough on a number of people across South Gippsland. Without going into detail, a number of tragedies have rocked schools and their communities, and our thoughts and sympathies go out to those affected.

Last week, our school celebrated our Wellbeing Day. Teachers, parents and students worked together to highlight possible healthy alternatives that our students could integrate into their lives. These special days at school are deliberately low key, with a focus on useful mindsets such as gratitude, engagement, relaxation and having fun. The feedback from all involved was how brilliant our students were. Beautifully natural kids who were warm towards our guests and excited about things that were different.

Tarwin Valley may have been minimally affected this time by the tragedies in our communities but we believe that days like Wellbeing Day go a long way towards us being able to cope when sad events do come knocking on our door - because they will, that is life. Ups and downs have always been a part of our world and always will be. At TVPS we believe it is particularly important to teach our next generations this very point. Our current world thrives on extremes. The nightly news blasts us with terrible events, TV shows rely on drama and social media (which hits big time by the time they reach high school) often portrays a world that is always great and often better than our reality. We know this bombardment of extremes takes its toll on our mental health. So where is the respite and, what are the alternatives?

Special thanks to Ms Giliam, the Junior Action Team and our many parent volunteers who ran breakfast, activities and helped manoeuvre the students safely to school during the walk-to-school component.

Principal, Gene VanderZalm

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS:

The 2020 Essential Student Learning Items (books & requisites) levy has been set by School Council at \$140 per child. All paperwork and additional information will be sent home with the newsletter in week 9 – December 4th.

As per last year:

- Stationery items will be delivered directly to classrooms
- Teachers will check the supplies for any inconsistencies
- Any items that need naming will be sent home on the first day
- A explanation letter regarding application for the Camps, Sports & Excursion fund is also attached
- Annual information updates and consents will be sent home early next year

OLD BIKE WHEELS WANTED

Sally Gorman is looking for some old wheels to complete her sculpture in the Meeniyan Community Garden. If you have any unwanted wheels you wish to donate, please leave them at the garden for Sally to collect.



CALENDAR

This week 06/11 – 13/11

8th Nov – Yr P-2 swimming commences

8th Nov – Yr 6 Fruit cake and cash due to school

Upcoming

18th Nov - Prep Beach Excursion

19th Nov – School Council 7pm

10th Dec - State Wide Orientation Day

10th Dec – School Council EoY

12th Dec – Yr 6 Graduation Evening

16th Dec - End of Year Celebration

17th Dec - Christmas Bake up Day

18th Dec – Class parties

19th Dec – Last day of term for students

20th Dec – Last day of term for staff

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Peter Helms

Year 2 Teacher



Where did you grow up? In Lautoka, Fiji

What is your favourite past time? Gardening

Your favourite subject in school? P.E.

What are you looking forward to this year at TVPS? Our class party

How long have you been involved with TVPS? 20 plus years

What do you love about TVPS? The culture and the kids

Your favourite movie? The Godfather

What is something you have always wanted to try? Swimming in a cage with Great White Sharks

What is your favourite holiday destination? The Greek Islands and Fiji

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Riley B** for his effort and attention when learning letters, sounds and hand cues to match.
- ☺ **Sophie J** for her brilliant attitude when walking with fractions. She was determined to find every possible way we can represent one half.
- ☺ **Haidee F** for being an excellent helper to others with their learning.
- ☺ **Xavier S** for working hard and putting effort into his work.
- ☺ **Cooper K** for working through a learning dip with persistence and resilience.
- ☺ **Angel A** for her efforts on the Grade 5/6 bike ride.
- ☺ **Shannon B** for pushing himself to complete more indepth work tasks.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Ryker D** for the positive impact he has on our school with his positive outlook and awareness of others.

LAST WEEK'S YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Sienna B** for a healthy chicken and rice lunch.

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly winner: Bluegum

Overall Winner: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Junior Cricket Blasters:

Junior Blasters will start at Meeniyau Recreation Reserve, Thursday November 7th. 4pm – 5pm. To register ; <https://playreg.cricket.com.au/pages/noauth/programs/signup.aspx?type=2012&prodid=58563&id=60996&entityid=1268>

And follow the prompts. Although the recommended age is from 5-7 when you register for this program, MDUCC invites all children from Prep – 6. Groups will be allocated according to ability. So come on down and have a go!!!

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Phil Allen – 0408 366 229

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre:

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to It's payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. You can visit the Mobile Service Centre: Opposite Moos café, Whitelaw Street, Meeniyau on Monday 11th November, 9am – 4pm.

Staff can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online. For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice



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

