



School News

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Doing Your Best



Care and Compassion

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is lovely to see parents and other family members inside our school, walking students to and from their classrooms at the start and end of every day and getting in touch with their learning. Many students open up at these times and parents are able to get a deeper insight into how they are interacting with others. We hope these walks continue forever more.

Still, in 2020 we are setting a basic expectation for our new preps and we would like the rest of the school to follow it too:

All students to carry their own bags into class and get themselves organised.

This is a crucial part of the day for every student and is a key learning in the younger grades. We find that the quicker that students become independent at this stage the quicker they engage with other learning areas such reading and writing.

Please do not let this discourage you from coming into the school and classroom with your child. To the contrary, come in and admire the way that they get themselves organised from time to time, you may even find yourself saying, "How come you're not this organised at home?" Which from our point of view is just fine.

Remember, schooling at TVPS is about Knowledge, Attitudes and Skills and we aim to teach all three in unison and equal quantities at all times ☺

Principal, Gene VanderZalm

CALENDAR

This week 13/11 – 20/11

18th Nov - Prep Beach Excursion

19th Nov – School Council 7pm

Upcoming

27th Nov - Book club orders close

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 (pupil free)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 Book Club catalogues have gone home today. This is the final Book Club catalogue for 2019. All orders are to be placed via the LOOP app or online via the Scholastics website. Please do not send orders/money into school. Orders close Wednesday 27th November.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Adisyn P** for her consistent efforts to correctly form and place her letters when writing.
- ☺ **Christian L** for showing persistence to improve his use of full stops and capital letters.
- ☺ **Angus C** for always staying focused and for being a kind person.
- ☺ **Alex J** for consistent focus and working hard to problem solve during math lessons.
- ☺ **Jordan C** for his mature approach to his learning the past two weeks.

LAST WEEK'S YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Rose S** for using a wax lunch wrap.

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly winner: Bluegum

Overall Winner: Bluegum

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Year 6 Graduation / Farewell – Thursday 12th December

5.30pm - meal for students and staff.

7.00pm – formalities, all TVPS families are invited to attend.

Whole School End of Year Celebration – Monday 16th December

6.00pm – BBQ on the school oval. Meeniyian CFA will have hamburgers, sausages and drinks available for purchase on the night.

All grades will perform a Christmas song, prep students will present their buddies with a gift, awards will be presented and there will be a visit from a special jolly guest.

FARMERS MARKET

A massive thanks to Jackie Deering, Andrew Watt, Jenneke Kijlstra-Shone, Isley Sutherland AND our wonderful students who helped with the market on Sunday. The weather was SO wet and cold but they were out there with a smile on their faces!

Our little stand looks like it needs some bunting or flags or a nice long banner. Any sewers out there? If you think you can put something together for our market stall so people know the profits go to TVPS, please let me know! Be as creative as you like - reused / fabric scraps encouraged.

Donna Giliam



Riddle

Q. There are several books on a bookshelf. If one book is 4th from the left and 6th from the right, how many books are on the shelf?

Answer at the end of the newsletter.



STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Gene VanderZalm

TVPS Principal



Where did you grow up? Yinnar

What is your favourite past time? Sport of any kind

Your favourite subject in school?
Geography

What are you looking forward to next year at TVPS? My new office

How long have you been involved with TVPS? I started as a parent in 2008 and then as a teacher in 2010

What do you love about TVPS? That we focus on the little things

Your favourite movie? The Judge / Good Will Hunting

What is something you have always wanted to try? Hang Gliding

What is your favourite holiday destination? Canada

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

Riddle answer: 9 (try sketching it out)