



# School News

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you for all the feedback that has been provided to us over the past few months. This information has helped us consolidate a number of decisions for 2020. Here is an update on some of the surveys:

- The specialist subjects for 2020 will be PE, Performance (Art/Drama), French and MARC Library. Science will now be covered by classroom teachers in their General Studies units.
- TVPS will run 6 classes next year: Prep, two 1/2s, two 3/4s and a 5/6. On Orientation Day (Dec 10), students will start the day in their 2019 classes and then later move into their 2020 classes for part of the day.
- There was 99% support for the school changing its name with Meeniyen Primary the overwhelming choice with 91% of the vote. This name was recently approved by the Geographic Names of Victoria and is now waiting for approval from the Regional Director of the Department of Education. Once approved, a final consultation process will begin with a 30-day objection timeframe. If everything goes to plan we aim to have our name changed around the middle of 2020. The main question parents have about this change is uniforms. ***Our uniforms will stay exactly the same with uniforms displaying the Tarwin Valley name acceptable indefinitely.***

Our school attendance data has risen significantly this term with many students making substantial improvements. Amazingly we still have two students who have not missed a day all year!

**Principal, Gene VanderZalm**

## CRAZY SOCK DAY FUNDRAISER

Next Friday (6<sup>th</sup> Dec) we will have a CRAZY SOCK DAY to raise funds for Samuel Johnson's foundation, *Love your Sister*. Students are welcome to wear free dress with crazy socks for a gold coin donation.

Samuel will be at IGA in Meeniyen for a meet and greet on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 1.00-2.30 as part of his two year 'On the road again' campaign to raise money for cancer.

## TVPS WAR ON WASTE

This week Grade 2 won a competition for the least amount of general waste in their classroom bins. Their prize was to come into the science room with Ms Giliam and make a beeswax wrap.

To care for a beeswax wrap, wipe down both side with a damp lukewarm cloth after every use. To dry let it drip dry. Then use it again the next day. They are a great replacement for gladwrap which will take a lifetime to breakdown.

This week a new game has been introduced, educating children on which bin to put their recycling, general waste, food waste and soft plastics. Every class will have a go at this game. So ask your child what bins your rubbish goes in at home.

*Thanks from Sienna and Emily on behalf of Grade 5/6H*

## CALENDAR

### This week 27/11 –4/12

27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Book club orders close

29<sup>th</sup> Nov – P-2 swimming

### Upcoming

6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Crazy Sock Day – gold coin donation

6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Final P-2 swimming

10<sup>th</sup> Dec - State Wide Orientation Day

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Council EoY

11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr 6 Pool party consent/money due

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Yr 6 Graduation Evening

16<sup>th</sup> Dec- End of Year Celebration

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Bake up Day

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class parties

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term for students

20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **2020 FIRST DAY CUPPA**



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**All parents/carers welcome . . . .**

**Make sure we rope in new parents**

**Meet, Catch Up, Connect**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well another year is almost done and we have seen some big things go through school council during the year. All parents are welcome to come and listen to any council meeting held during the year, and it's a great way to see what is going on in our school. This meeting we approved the student free days for 2020 which will be shared in the newsletter before the new year.

We had confirmation that the name change from Tarwin Valley Primary School to Meeniyah Primary School, has progressed to the next step, with Geographic Names Victoria approving the change. We are now awaiting approval from the DET Regional Director. As these things are never simple, there are a lot of steps we have to go through, and all things going well we are looking at this process being completed by Term 3 in 2020.

Gene also came back with the results from the consultation with the school community regarding the subjects for the specialist classes for 2020. PE and Performance were the two subjects selected. Science will now be taught by the class teacher.

Over the past couple of meetings, we have discussed the possibility of a music teacher coming to the school to give private lessons to students that wish. Several schools in our region have this already running and some for a number of years, but this is still in discussion stage. The lessons will be at the cost of the parents, and there has been no discussion around what the cost is, who the teacher would be or even what instruments are being taught (although piano and guitar have been put forward). More details will be forthcoming in 2020.

As this will be the last report for 2019, school council wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and new year, see everyone in 2020!

*Katrina Benson School Councillor*

## BELEZA UNIFORM SHOP

The scheduled renovation on the Beleza Pakenham store has been postponed. As a result, the store will remain open during December with normal trading hours Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. The store will close on the last day of term and re-open January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020.

### **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- ☺ **Walker W** for excellent growth in reading and spelling GOLD and RED words.
- ☺ **Penny C** for consistently making responsible choices to maximise her learning.
- ☺ **Cooper W** for achieving excellent growth with his multiplication work.
- ☺ **Stacey J** for overcoming her nerves to deliver an outstanding oral presentation to her class,
- ☺ **Thalia B** for working hard to prepare for her oral presentation, then delivering an engaging and convincing argument that was well supported with evidence.
- ☺ **Emma P** for never giving up in maths, being a kind friend and sticking up for friends.
- ☺ **Farrah V** for her engagement during reading sessions this term.



### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

- ☺ **Oliver S** for acknowledgement for the personal growth he has achieved in 2019.

### **LAST WEEK'S YARD DRAW AWARD**

- ☺ **Ryker D** for tidying up the eating area.

### **HOUSE POINTS**

**Weekly winner:** Wattle

**Overall Winner:** Bluegum

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

### **Pop-Up Dance Fit Classes:**

Bored of gym workouts? Hate running? Try dancing! The workout that doesn't feel like a workout.

Pop-up DanceFit at the Meeniyah Youth Hall (behind the stadium). No experience necessary. From Latin to Hip Hop and RnB, you'll have a blast in this one hour class.

Join me on Thursdays at 4.15pm. Cost is \$5 to cover the hall and equipment hire. Contact Tracy VanderZalm 0447 491 345 or email [tracyvanderzalm@outlook.com](mailto:tracyvanderzalm@outlook.com)



## 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