School News

Aim High, Achieve Together

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Avoid the Summer Lag

Summer is a great time for students and their families to enjoy some quality time together, recharge the batteries and explore new things, activities and places. Students generally come back after the break bursting with a range of stories and new interests that energise them and in some cases motivate them to be a better learner. The answer to students enjoying and achieving a rewarding and purposeful summer break is no great mystery. The ingredients include:

- Large dollops of outdoor fun such as camping, the beach, walks, riding etc.
- Lots of contact with people who they miss all year including parents, other family members, friends and new friends!
- Completing projects such as cubbies, sandcastles, Lego creations, learning new bike skills or even teaching the dog to stay!

At the heart of each of these ingredients is learning. Humans have no greater sense of pride in life then when we learn how to do something better. However, we also develop pride when we are able to maintain certain skills that are critical to our development. At TVPS, we are asking all students this summer to maintain the skill of reading. What they read is totally up to them. But over the course of these 6 weeks we want to avoid the lag that often occurs if a student does not pick up a book for 6 weeks.

The beauty of reading is that it can fit in and around so many summer activities. Sometimes travelling in the car, lounging in a chair while enjoying the sun and of course before bed. The best way to encourage your child to read is to read yourself. So before the rush of Christmas occurs, take a moment to find a good book for summer for you and your child. I promise you won't regret it ☺

Principal, Gene VanderZalm

CALENDAR

This week 4/12 –11/12

6th Dec - Crazy Sock Day – gold coin donation
6th Dec - Final P-2 swimming
10th Dec - State Wide Orientation Day
10th Dec – School Council EoY
11th Dec – Yr 6 LSC Orientation Day 2
11th Dec - Yr 6 Pool party consent/money due

Upcoming

12th Dec – Yr 6 Graduation Evening
16th Dec- End of Year Celebration
17th Dec – Class parties/Yr 6 Pool party
18th Dec - Christmas Bake up Day
19th Dec – Last day of term for students – 3.20 dismissal
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.

Friday 6th December

CRAZY SOCK DAY

Casual dress day – wear your craziest socks!

Gold coin donation

All money raised will go to Samuel Johnson's, *Love your Sister* foundation.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING ITEMS:

Attached to today's newsletter is the information regarding the supply of Essential Student Learning Items (books & requisites). The 2020 levy has been set by School Council at $140 per child. Families are required to have this payment made prior to the commencement of the 2020 school year – Wednesday January 29th.

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

CLASS PARTIES

Class parties will be held on the last Tuesday of term (17th December). Teachers will be sending notes home detailing times and food requirements. Year 6 students will be travelling to the Toora swimming pool on this day for their class party. Their consent forms went home last week.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY BAKE-UP DAY

Wednesday 18th December will be a bake up day for Grade 4, 5, 6 students with goods distributed to school families in need. If anyone would like to help the students bake, please contact Kath Gilbert.

RUBBISH COMPETITION

This week the winner of the least amount of rubbish in their class bins was Grade 5/6. The winners get to make beeswax wraps. On that note, we are running out of beeswax quickly, so if anyone is willing to donate some, Ms Giliam would be very grateful.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

Last week was the final week of borrowing for the year. All MARC library books and TVPS library books must be returned to school this week in order for our end of year stocktake to be completed.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- ☺ **Bentley S** for giving extra effort and care to his learning tasks.
- ☺ **Winnie S** for the resilience and confidence she has shown each week at swimming.
- ☺ **Cael S** for making pleasing growth with his reading fluency and accuracy.
- ☺ **Sarah L** for challenging herself with writing tasks.
- ☺ **Eli A** for demonstrating a wonderful sense of gratitude for an everyday occurrence.
- ☺ **Nico KS** for always being curious, focused and displaying good sportsmanship.
- ☺ **Zara S** for her growth and persistence during difficult maths concepts.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

- ☺ **Joseph W** for the beautiful way he plays with others.

LAST WEEK'S YARD DRAW AWARD

- ☺ **Keerah P** for helping put equipment back in the sports shed.

HOUSE POINTS **Weekly winner:** Waratah

BELEZA UNIFORM SHOP END OF YEAR TRADING HOURS

Monday 16th December	10am – 5pm
Tuesday 17th December	10am – 5pm
Wednesday 18th December	10am – 5pm
Thursday 19th December	10am – 5pm
Friday 20th December – Wednesday 1st January	**Closed**
Thursday 2nd January	10am – 5pm
Friday 3rd January	10am – 5pm
Saturday 4th January	10am – 5pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

The final breakfast for 2019 will be Friday 13th December.

All students welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Trinity Kids – Self Esteem & Resilience Programs:

Trinity Kids are running a 'Self Esteem & Resilience' program in Term 1, 2020 in Korumburra. The program is for kids 7 – 12 years of age. To book, visit trinitykids.com.au or call on 0437 331 308

Pop-Up Dance Fit Classes:

Pop-up DanceFit at the Meeniyan 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 and/or Tuesdays at 7.15am. Cost is $5 to cover the hall and equipment hire. Contact Tracy VanderZalm, 0447 491 345 or email 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