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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is extremely pleasing to see the little steps at TVPS heading in the right direction. Last week we had 44 students from Grades 3-6 voluntarily come across to Toora for our Swimming Trials day with Fish Creek and Tarwin Lower Primary Schools. Two years ago we had 14! Obviously, this shows we are beginning to demonstrate the values we established as a school in 2019. Amazingly, we even had students who can't quite swim 25 metres wanting to join us! Sensibly their parents stepped in and told them, "Just not yet", but we look forward to them joining us in the future when they can 😊

As parents it is critical that we do 'step in'. I congratulate the many parents who encouraged their child to get involved and in some cases 'told' them they were going. At times this is our role as parents and I can tell you that today more than ever it is a critical skill. Regardless of the message we as parents and teachers send our students there are subliminal messages that creep into their world that create a pressure to be the best. The basis of these pressures is highly complex and we as a school will touch on them throughout the year BUT I can tell you that all of the students who came along to swimming last week had an absolute blast.

The reason they had so much fun is because whether they realise it or not they were learning! The day provided opportunities to express a range of different skills and here are just a few that we refer to as The Assets:

Organisation – from looking after their belongings to following the schedule of the day and being at events.

Resilience – during races and play, sometimes things go your way and sometimes they don't. Either way they had to deal with the ups and downs and work through them

Getting Along – with students from TVPS as well as the other skills they were provided the opportunity to communicate, play and meet new friends.

For me the swimming results pale in significance compared to the range of skills our students are required to practise on a day such as the Swimming Trials. More of these sporting days will present themselves over the coming weeks and we look forward to students stepping up to the plate even if it requires parents 'stepping in' to tell them they are going.

Principal, Gene VanderZalm

CALENDAR

This week 11/2 –18/2

11TH Feb – School Council nominations open (nomination forms available from the front office)

12TH Feb – Preps do not attend school

16TH Feb – Book Club orders close

18TH Feb – School Council 7pm

18TH Feb – School Council nominations close 4.00pm

Upcoming

19TH Feb – Preps do not attend school

20TH Feb – Welcome Evening

24TH Feb – Student free day

26TH Feb – Preps do not attend school

27TH Feb – Parent Student Teacher Interviews

3RD Mar – Declaration of School Council poll (if required)

4TH Mar - School photo day

10TH Mar – School Council AGM 7pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 1:50pm to be included.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 😊 **Lana M** for quickly adapting to class routines and sharing her sense of humour.
- 😊 **Louie T** for taking the initiative to kindly help a classmate.
- 😊 **Brynee H** for making an excellent start to her new school and class.
- 😊 **Sam N** for ensuring he is ready for learning by listening carefully and avoiding distractions.
- 😊 **Josie S** for continuing her learning journey.
- 😊 **Minna S** for a great first week at TVPS.
- 😊 **Chloe G** for a wonderful start at TVPS.
- 😊 **Holly M** for accepting the request to present at Australia Day.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The annual school council elections are now underway. If you are interested in representing the parent / carer body in making long term decisions and directions of the school, please show your interest by being on School Council. We currently have 4 parent category places available for a 2 year term. There is also a casual vacancy. This position will be co-opted onto school council and their term will end March 2021. Nominations and self-nominations forms can be collected from the office or under the notes section on the TVPS website. Nominations close 4pm Tuesday February 18th.

What is a School Council?

- ✓ a legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of a school
- ✓ the major governing body of the school
- ✓ plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes
- ✓ endorses the key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents

What it does:	What it doesn't do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community▪ Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan▪ Develop, review and update school policies▪ Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure▪ Maintain the school's grounds and facilities▪ Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)▪ Report annually to the school community and to DEECD▪ Generally stimulate interest in the school in the wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage the school▪ Make operational decisions▪ Employ ongoing teaching staff with no fixed date for termination▪ Represent sectional interests▪ Renew the principal's contract or hire and fire the school principal▪ Determine class allocations▪ Discuss individual issues between teachers and students and/or parents

STUART'S CUP

The annual Stuart's Cup takes place Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March. The Stuart's Cup games will be held on the Thursday afternoon at the Meeniyah stadium and the sports will take place Friday at the Meeniyah Recreation Reserve. Children are asked to wear a t-shirt or polo shirt in their house colours. Students will be seated in their house areas but will be able to join you for morning tea and lunch if you are able to attend. Points are scored for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placing with 1 point for their house for every competitor in the event. In this way all children's efforts are encouraged and rewarded. At the conclusion of the sports children may go home with you if you notify the class teacher to have them crossed off the class roll and bus roll (if applicable).



The event is a popular community event and we encourage families and friends to participate by joining us for lunch and cheering the competitors on.

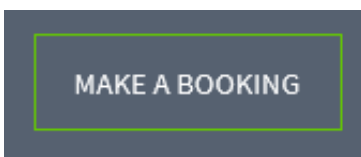
Further information will be sent home with the newsletter in the coming weeks.

PST MEETINGS

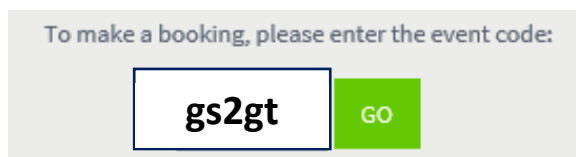
PST Meetings will be held on Thursday 27th February. Classes run as usual on this day. Meetings during school hours will require parents collecting students from classes. There will be timetables and maps to guide you.

We use **schoolinterviews** to organise our PST meetings due to it being user friendly and easy booking of multiple slots for siblings. Bookings can be made at www.schoolinterviews.com.au **after 4pm today** using the booking code **gs2gt**

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3. Follow screen prompts

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements. Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing time, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents needing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 56647382. *If parents/caregivers need guidance please ring the school.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Meeniyon Junior Basketball:

AUSSIE HOOPS - A new and exciting program will be offered for children from 5-7 years of age to come join our new Aussie Hoops program. On Friday nights from 3:30pm, starting 21st Feb. Cost \$50 plus Basketball Vic Registration fee. Includes skills/playing, plus an Aussie Hoops bag.

We would also like to invite any new players 7 - 15 years to come join our competition.

Mini's from 4.15pm & Intermediates & Youth players from 5.15pm on Friday nights. Season starts Friday 21st February. Could all new players or any players **not** playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048 or Darlene 0417640035. If you played last season you will be automatically put into a team, unless you have already advised us otherwise. Names must be in by 13th Feb, late names will not be accepted.

Teams & times for Mini's, Intermediates & Youth will be published in the Star newspaper on Tuesday 18th Feb & on our Website/facebook page. (Cost \$50 per player plus Basketball Vic Registration fee)

Toora PS Colour Explosion Obstacle Course:

Everyone welcome for a fun family event on February 28th, 4pm. Please wear white clothing that you don't mind getting stained. Suitable for ages 4-12. Cost is \$10 per runner, \$20 per family. Come along and enjoy music, a sausage sizzle, fairy floss and slushies. For more information, contact Tara on 0438 533 446.

Joey Scouts:

Joey's has started at the 2nd Leongatha Scout group at the Scout Hall, Allison St, Leongatha. Joey's is run for boys and girls aged 5-7 years. Come and try, 3 night **free** on Tuesday nights 5.30-6.30pm. For more information, contact Dianne on 0480 177 625 or gl.2ndleongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.au



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