



# School News



Respect



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bullying is a very real issue in schools and organisations across the globe. When we discover incidents of bullying at Tarwin Valley, we see them as a school issue and take them very seriously. Still, it is critical that we clearly understand what bullying is, as it is often misinterpreted for other social conflicts. How we deal with bullying issues compared to other misdemeanours is completely different. The lasting effects of a bullying incident can be very damaging and the last thing we want to do is misinterpret and mismanage such a situation for the students and parents involved.

*The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:*

*Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.*

When the school recognises an incidence of bullying the repatriation process is generally a lengthy one involving all parties including parents.

*Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:*

- *mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no **power imbalance**)*
- *not liking someone or a single act of social rejection*
- *one-off acts of meanness or spite*
- *isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.*

Each of these behaviors might not be appropriate and would be dealt with according to their severity and context.

The key message from all of this is whether the behaviour is ongoing and deliberate. We ask that students and parents carefully examine each situation by discussing the incident with the school before presuming it is bullying. As a school, we are proud of our outstanding record of dealing with bullying in the past and look forward to this continuing into the future.

**Gene VanderZalm, Principal**

## WELCOME EVENING

Make sure you PEN in our School Welcome Evening for this Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. This event will begin at 5:30pm, please bring your own picnic dinner and blanket. It will take place at the school. This is a relaxed night where we will be presenting badges to our school leaders, having a chat with previous school leaders, you can check out your child's classroom and get to know the new families to our beautiful school. We are also looking for people to be part of Tarwin Valley Connect and our Side-by-Side program. If you would like to know more about either of these, please chat to me at the Welcome Night. Looking forward to seeing as many families as we can there!

## CALENDAR

**This week 18/2 –25/2**

**19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Preps do not attend school

**20<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Welcome Evening 5.30pm

### Upcoming

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Preps do not attend school

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Head Lice information session, 2.45pm

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Parent Student Teacher Interviews

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mar** – Declaration of School Council poll (if required)

**4<sup>th</sup> Mar** - School photo day

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Stuart's Cup Tabloid Sports

**6<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Stuart's Cup Athletics

**9<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Labour Day (student free)

**10<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Student free day

**10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CHANGE OF DATE

The student free day has been changed from 24<sup>th</sup> February to **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** (following labour day),

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

School council nominations close today 4pm.

Nomination forms available from the office or on the website.



### HEAD LICE INFORMATION SESSION

On the **26<sup>th</sup> February at 2:45pm**, our school is holding a parent information session on head lice. These little critters pass through school communities every year in every school across the globe and our little corner of the world is no different. The 30 minute information session will be run by our local Department of Education nurse, Judy Bright. Judy will debunk many of the myths that surround head lice and give useful tips for families to deal with them. We encourage all parents to attend, regardless of whether they have had experiences with head lice or not, so they are informed about what to do when it does occur.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March by Foon's Photography, Wonthaggi. Please ensure all children are in correct uniform on this day. Each child has been given a photo envelope today. These need to be returned with payment by photo day. Children who do not return their envelopes will still have their photo taken for inclusion in class photo. **Photographs of family siblings can be taken at your request.** Envelopes are available from the office and should be returned separately to individual packs.

### ODD SOCK DONATIONS

The prep class would greatly appreciate any donations of clean, odd socks. Thank you.

### LUNCHBOXES

All the learning and moving around school makes kids (and teachers) HUNGRY! We have students wanting a bit extra to eat as they adjust to being back at school. Please check in with your child to see if they are getting enough in their lunchbox and if not add another piece of fruit or an extra sandwich to fill up learning bellies!

### CSEF – CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND – NEW FAMILIES (2020 & 2019):

This Government funded grant is available to any family who meet the eligibility criteria (hold an eligible Health Care Card) as of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The government provides the school with a payment of \$125 per eligible child, to be used towards camps, sporting events and excursions. This fund cannot be used for Essential Student Learning items. **Families who are new to our school**, either this year or who started during 2019, will need to complete an application form (available from the office). Please return the form to school promptly. You will also need to present your HHC to be photocopied.

### PST MEETINGS

PST Meetings are on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Classes run as usual on this day. Meetings during school hours will require parents collecting students from classes. Book you interviews at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) using the booking code **gs2gt**

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing time, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code above. 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.*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- ☺ **Alby P** for showing kindness and thinking about his friends.
- ☺ **Ryker D** for challenging himself when investigating counting patterns.
- ☺ **Adisyn P** for displaying all the qualities of a great learner.
- ☺ **Stacey J** for making sure she connects with prior learning to ensure effective use of learning time.
- ☺ **Fin S** for demonstrating the first behaviour expectation of the class – taking responsibility for his own learning.
- ☺ **Jensen L** for demonstrating the first behaviour expectation of the class – taking responsibility for his own learning.
- ☺ **Danielle P** for her have a go attitude.
- ☺ **Lucas M** for always giving 100% in sports.



#### **YARD DRAW AWARD**

- ☺ **Nico KS** for a rubbish free lunch and a beeswax wrap too!

#### **HOUSE POINTS**

**Weekly Winner:** Waratah

**Overall Winner:** Waratah

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## **Toora PS Colour Explosion Obstacle Course:**

Everyone welcome for a fun family event on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Headspace Wonthaggi:**

We provide free or low cost, confidential support services for young people aged 12-25 years. We're here to answer any questions or concerns about mental health, and numerous other subjects.

Visit us at 5b Murray St, Wonthaggi      phone 5671 5900      email: [info@headspacewonthaggi.org.au](mailto:info@headspacewonthaggi.org.au)

## **BLAZE AID:**

We are collecting donations for BLAZE AID to distribute needs for people effected/displaced by the ongoing fires and drought.

Donations of non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Catholic Church in Geale Street, Tuesdays and Fridays between 10am and 3pm.

Items must be non-perishable food items, toiletries, brushes, combs, personal hygiene, baby formula, baby needs, kitchen items or any types of containers for food.

For further information, contact Sue or Paul Buckner on 0417 349 101



## 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