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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Great to see more than 50 students and their families attend the Welcome Evening last Thursday night. Special thanks to former student Serena Cope for coming along to present the badges to our 2020 student leaders. Serena shared with the crowd the path she has taken since graduating from TVPS in 2006 and the fond memories she remembers from primary school. Serena has recently opened the Osteopath clinic in the main street and we look forward to supporting her in the future.

Further thanks to all the teachers and staff who gave up their time to attend the night. This evening sets the scene for much that we accomplish throughout the year and it was wonderful to see so many new families being greeted and welcomed into our school community.

2020 Assessment Updates

This year we have made two changes to the way we share assessment and learning information with students and parents. These changes are in response to feedback we received in 2019 from both parents and teachers requesting more face-to-face time together.

Parent Interviews: In addition to the Term 1 and 3 Parent Student Teacher conferences that have always taken place in individual slots, teachers will now provide Open Classroom conferences in Terms 2 and 4. The Open Classrooms will be filled with examples of your child's learning. With the teacher present in the room moving between families, these conferences will provide an opportunity for students and their parents to see and discuss the student's learning. You will be able to stay for as long as you want and there will be no need to book in.

Compass Comments: Due to the above changes in Parent Interviews, Compass comments have also changed slightly. These comments will now focus on providing students and their families with Pre-information about what will be covered that term so they can discuss and prepare for upcoming learning. To see the results of this learning, parents will need to attend the Open Classroom conference.

If you would like to discuss these changes or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

LOCAL TRAVEL / CHAPLAIN CONSENT

If you have not completed and returned your child's consent forms for Local Excursions and Chaplaincy, please do so by Friday 28th February.

SCHOOL PHOTO ENVELOPES

A reminder to get your child's school photo envelope into school before photo day, Wednesday 4th March.

CALENDAR

This week 25/2 –3/3

26th Feb – Preps do not attend school

26th Feb - Head Lice information session, 2.45pm

27th Feb – Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Upcoming

4th Mar - School photo day

5th Mar – Stuart's Cup Tabloid Sports

6th Mar – Stuart's Cup Athletics

9th Mar – Labour Day (student free)

10th Mar – Student free 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.

ASSEMBLY

Our weekly gatherings will be back to Wednesday afternoons as of next week.

There will be no assembly this week due the Head Lice information session at 2.45pm

Stuart's Cup

Thursday 5/3 1.00 – Tabloid sports at the stadium.

Students are to wear a shirt in their house colour.

Friday 6/3 10.00am- Sports at the Meeniyen Rec Reserve.

Students are to wear a t-shirt in their house colour, shorts or tracksuit pants and sneakers.

Optional coloured zinc and/or hairspray (only a small amount) for Friday event.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We welcome back Danielle Lacy, Kaye Ellery-Burke, Syd Jackson and Simone Jans to School Council. Welcome also to Claire Guy as the new staff rep.

As there were equal nominations as vacancies there will be not need to conduct a poll this year.

FAMILY FRIENDLY FITNESS

Mrs Browne will be running family friendly fitness sessions at school on Monday mornings 8:30am until the bell goes starting on Monday March 2nd. All welcome and encouraged to come along to start the week well and have fun with your kids. All enquires please contact me browne.rebecca.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

TARWIN VALLEY CONNECT

First meeting for the term is Thursday the 27th of Feb 9am in the Science room. Newcomers ENCOURAGED and it will be exciting to reconnect with all the lovely humans who have made this group great so far.

This group works to connect our school and community through organising events, gatherings and fundraisers. It is casual, pre-schoolers are welcome and a great group of people.

If you want any more information please let me know or just show up at the meeting on Thursday and we will let you know.

Thanks Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer.

giliam.donna.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

PST MEETINGS

PST Meetings are this Thursday. Book you interviews at

www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the booking code **gs2gt**

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 above. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your

original booking. Parents will need to collect their child from class to attend the PST meeting.

	11.30-12.30	12.30-1.30	2:20-3:20	PST Location
PR	Ms Licciardi Shared Space	Mr Cooling Rm 3 (next to staffroom)	PE Mrs Browne Oval	Room 7
1/2L	Ms Thurgood Room 2 (Art room)	Ms Licciardi Shared Space	Mr Cooling Rm 3 (next to staffroom)	Room 6
1/2H	MARC Mrs Callcott MARC room	Ms Thurgood Room 2 (Art room)	Ms Licciardi Shared Space	Room 4
3G	Drama Mrs Jackson Room 1	MARC Mrs Callcott MARC room	Ms Thurgood Room 2 (Art room)	Room 8
34R	PE Mrs Browne Oval	Drama Mrs Jackson Room 1	MARC Mrs Callcott MARC room	Room 9
56H	Mr Cooling Rm 3 (next to staffroom)	PE Mrs Browne Oval	Drama Mrs Jackson Room 1	Room 5

STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK



Gonzalo Varela
Student Support

Where did you grow up? Buenos Aires, Argentina

How long have you been involved with TVPS? This is my first year at Tarwin Valley

Your favourite holiday destination? Any beach

What is your favourite movie? The Butterfly Effect

What was your favourite subject in school? Arts

What are you looking forward to this year at TVPS? Sharing my knowledge

What do you love about TVPS? It works like a big family. The students and the staff have a lot of empathy and conscience.

What is something you have always wanted to try? Surfing

HEAD LICE INFORMATION SESSION

On the **26th February at 2:45pm**, our school is holding a parent information session on head lice in Room 3. 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.

JUNIOR ACTION TEAM NEWS

Holly and Peter welcome the new members of our Action Team

Grade 5: Harvey 3/4 RG : Stacey and Cooper K 3/4 GG : Taylor and Archie

This team will work together until the end of term 2 in term 3 students will have the chance to apply again and Holly and Peter will choose a new team.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hello and welcome to a new school year (and decade) to you all. On the evening of Tuesday the 18th of February School Council met for the first meeting of the year – a meeting always full of a lot of enthusiasm as to what the year will bring for our now not-so-little school. Yes, numbers are rising; we are currently at 131 students (up 15 from last year) and 88 families (up 10 from last year).

One of the biggest issues being discussed around school is the issue of car parking, in particular around afternoon pick-up. As we come into winter, the problem will only be exacerbated with the parts of the grass area beside the stadium becoming wet, slippery and boggy, and unsuitable for cars. This will put more pressure on the limited number of spaces.

Please keep in mind some of the factors that are currently putting the parking of cars under such pressure: the building works have closed the top staff car park, meaning teachers are parking in and around the church car park; plus simply having ten more families means up to ten more vehicles each day.

With the school expected to become larger in students and also teaching numbers over the coming years, School Council is investigating a long-term strategy to help ease the problem.

In the interim, some ideas to help make school pick up safe and orderly for everyone:

- if you are able to, please consider parking a little further away from the school and walk up
- maybe consider walking or riding bikes if you live in close proximity to school

Another factor to keep in mind is there will be more regular monitoring of the parking issues with parking inspectors, as it has apparently been brought to their attention that some suspect parking has been taking place. So please do the right thing, obey street signage and do not park in an unsafe manner i.e. not too close to a corner, making the intersection unsafe for others to use. Also, the lovely new foot path is not to be driven on as this is a designated area for pedestrians.

Building works should be completed during Term 2, so this will help free up the staff car park. It will also free up the back of the school as a pick-up option, as the buses return to the normal designated bus pick-up area just below the office. Finally, as students settle in to the new school year, more may switch across to buses as students (and parents) become more comfortable.

I'm sure that the school community can work together to cope with the short-term pressure until things ease by the middle of the year, and longer-term solutions are worked on over the coming weeks and months.

Simone Jans, TVPS School Councillor

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- ☺ **Brock R** for fantastic effort in managing his own belongings
- ☺ **Harriett F** for listening carefully to instructions and completing work to a high standard.
- ☺ **Alyssa D** for showing persistence and resilience with her learning.
- ☺ **Bianca G** for working hard to meet our classroom and school expectations.
- ☺ **Xavier S** for his hard working, straight to it work ethic.
- ☺ **Lochlan W** for being a proactive classmate who thinks about the needs of others
- ☺ **Lochlan W** for the gentle guiding hand he demonstrates towards younger students.



HOUSE POINTS

Weekly Winner: Wattle

Overall Winner: Waratah



Well done to the students who competed at the District swimming sports last week in Korumburra.

Congratulations to Olivia A and Sophie C who will go on to compete at the Division swimming sports.

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 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.

Tarwin Football Netball Club Registration Night:

New players welcome on March 5th for our registration night which includes junior football training from 5.15pm and junior netball training from 5.00pm and a parents V kids football match. Meals available after training.

Football-U10, U12 & U14 ph: Jason 0409 977 347. Netball- 11&U, 13&U, 15&U and 17&U ph: Laura 0408 172 609

Korumburra Badminton 'Come and Try' Night:

We cater for all ages and have rackets available. Come and try badminton at the Korumburra Secondary College on Wednesday 18th & 25th March, 7.45-9.15pm. Competition starts Wednesday 15th April.

Enquiries to Ian Cole 5678 2014



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