



# School News



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last week was our first week back together as a whole school and we couldn't have been more pleased with the way our students settled. There was high energy in our classrooms and in the playground and teachers continuously commented on how nice it was to be back to 'normal'.

But school isn't 'normal' still. We can't rush back to the way it was because we're simply not allowed! The fact we can't have parents and volunteers in our school, excursions and camps to look forward to, sports days, school concerts and a whole host of other events means we are back, *sort of*.

For the remainder of this term we are focussing on having our students settle back into school. This means revisiting our school and classroom expectations. Asking questions, collaborating, practising active listening, being independent and being respectful of others learning are just some of the vital skills we expect during an ordinary school day. However, it is critical that together we all keep our expectations and our reality balanced. Kids, just like adults, are not robots.

Returning to school was never going to be as simple as flicking a switch. You will notice that at certain times, particularly later in the week, some children will become more irritable. I've noticed it at home with my own kids and I can tell you the best tonic is generally large doses of healthy food and drink plus a few good night's sleep. Generally, children hold themselves together at school and we are fully aware that home is where they sometimes release their frustration. When this happens, try to find some alone time with your child and check in with them how they coping during these unusual times. If the issues persist, please don't hesitate to contact their classroom teacher so together we can work for improvement.

*Gene VanderZalm, Principal*

## PHOTOS – WHOLE SCHOOL AND YEAR 6 LEADERS

Whole School photos & Year 6 Student Leaders photos are now available for order. Photos are available in 8" x 10" @ \$24 each or 6" x 8" @ \$20 each. Please send orders in to the office by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June and ensure all details of your order are written down, including size, quantity and total. Payments can be either cash or a cheque made payable to Foons Photographics.

## MOBILE PHONES

Students are encouraged NOT to bring mobile phones to school. However, if students need or choose to bring a phone to school, it must be handed in to the office where it will be locked securely in a cabinet and returned to the student at the end of the school day. Our Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy is available on the school website.

## CALENDAR

**This week 16/6 – 23/6**

June 16<sup>th</sup> – School Council, 7pm

### Upcoming

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day Term 2  
2.20pm dismissal

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 commences

July 15<sup>th</sup> – 2021 Prep information session, 6.30pm

July 28<sup>th</sup> – School Council, 7pm

July 31<sup>st</sup> – Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews

### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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



Special thanks to the Browne family for recently donating an air compressor to the school.

The new unit is a welcome replacement and will make life much easier for keeping the school's sports equipment inflated

## HAIR RULES AT SCHOOL

As per the Student Dress and Appearance policy, all students with hair shoulder length or longer should have their hair tied up when at school.



### **BUS COMMUNICATION FOR TERM 3**

Given COVID-19, remote learning and students returning to school at different stages, bus rolls have been a little complicated this term!

Going into next term, we will be clearing all bus rolls including previous non-travel days and starting with a blank slate. It is vital that you communicate with the school to confirm any days that your child will **not** be travelling on the bus for Term 3. You can contact the school via email [tarwin.valley.ps.meeniyam@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tarwin.valley.ps.meeniyam@education.vic.gov.au) or phone the office on 5664 7382.



### **GARDEN HELPERS**

Do you have a green thumb and are keen to volunteer some of your time?

The school is looking for a person or a team of people to share the care and upkeep of our school garden beds. The job requires an independent worker or team of workers to conduct pruning, planting, weeding and general maintenance of the schools gardens (excluding the vegetable garden area as this is maintained by staff and students). The works can be conducted at any time and on any day. If you are interested in volunteering for this role or being part of a team, please send the school an email before the end of term and we'll get back to you.



### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Jump Rope for Heart is wrapping up for our school this week and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Tarwin Valley PS has already raised \$1211.76 online.

Our Jump Off Day is this Thursday June 18th at 12:30pm so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause! Still need to sign up online?

It's easy just follow this link and enter your details. [www.jumprope.org.au/parents](http://www.jumprope.org.au/parents)

Alternatively you can use the paper fundraising recorder.

Thanks for all your efforts so far!

*Mrs Browne*

### **SCHOOL RESOURCES**

We still have a number of basketballs and skipping ropes to be returned from use during remote learning. If you have any of these items at home, please return them to school as soon as possible.

## **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

Over the last 6 weeks Andrew and I were lucky enough to be part of the Tuning into Kids Emotional Coaching parenting course, via Zoom. One thing that we learned about was how important it is for our kids to be emotionally literate, this helps them communicate their feelings and also helps them with self-regulation. Here at school many teachers use the Zones of Regulation to support our students in communicating and regulating their emotions and helping them be in the Green Zone "The Learning Zone".

You may have missed out on this excellent parenting course but here is another one which is coming up online. See the details below - we found online great because we could both be there and no one had to stay home and look after the kids!

Parentzone Gippsland are offering an evening parenting single session based on the Parents Building Solutions program. Understanding your Child's Behaviour aims help parents to understand their child's behaviour and explore strategies they can use to help manage these behaviours.

This is a single session so it's a great opportunity for parents who are new to online delivery to try a parenting program before signing up to one of the multi-session groups, such as Parents Building Solutions or Breaking the Cycle.

Understanding your Child's Behaviour

WHEN: Wednesday 24th June 2020

TIME: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

COST: Free. Bookings essential.

Bookings and further information: Parentzone Gippsland on 5135 9555 or [parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au)

*Donna Giliam*

*Primary Welfare Officer*



## 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 to Child Protection / Police.