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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Changes For Term 3

The next two weeks will be special. From the staff's perspective, it will be the first time they have had the opportunity to relax and unwind with a fairly clear understanding of what is to come the following term. A chance to exhale.

At last week's school council meeting, we discussed switching back to a 3:20pm finish for all students. We agreed that due to the size of our school we could maintain appropriate social distancing and ease the longer wait time for many parents. However, due to the most recent spate of cases we will put this move on hold for the time being and monitor the situation over the holidays before making a decision on July 10.

We'd also like to remind parents/carers that as the school grows, so will the need for more parking. Currently, there is plenty of room to park in the lower sections of either Geale or Welsford St and we encourage families to use these parking spots. This way students would still use the crossing and then walk just an extra 50m to an area with little congestion.

Thank You Mrs Guy

Special thanks to Mrs Guy for the extra work she has done this term in being a part of the Music In Schools initiative. The lure of this initiative was not only to build the skills of our classroom teachers in incorporating music into the classroom but also the \$5000 they provided for buying musical instruments for our school. This was an add-on that Claire agreed to take on at the start of the year and we thank her for the time and effort she has dedicated so we all could benefit.

Gene VanderZalm, Principal

ACCEPTABLE USER AGREEMENTS

Included with this week's newsletter is the TVPS Acceptable User Agreement for Internet and Digital Technologies. As stated in the schools safe use of digital technologies policy, each student in years 2-6 are asked to sign the agreement at the beginning of the year. We were in the process of updating this agreement in March when COVID hit and we swiftly moved to remote learning arrangements. We apologise for the delay. Please read the policy carefully with your child, then sign and return to school this week. If you have any questions please contact the school.

BAKERS DELIGHT DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

Earlier this term we received a cheque for \$110 from the Leongatha Bakers Delight as part of the Dough Raiser Program. At the end of each year, Bakers Delight calculate purchases put toward our school and then deliver the dough! Participating in the program and helping our school is easy, just mention Tarwin Valley PS when you make a purchase at the Leongatha store. Full details at the end of the newsletter.

CALENDAR

This week 23/6 – 26/6

June 25th - Whole school/ school leaders photo order due

June 26th – Last day Term 2
2.20pm dismissal

Upcoming

July 13th – Term 3 commences

July 15th - 2021 Prep information session, 6.30pm

July 28th – School Council, 7pm

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

JUNIOR ACTION TEAM ESSENTIAL WORKER DRESS UP DAY

To celebrate the end of an unusual Term 2 the JAT has decided to have a whole school dress up day on the last day of term. The theme is "dress as an essential worker" and celebrate our essential workers who kept working all through the lockdown to keep our world functioning! Some ideas are:

- health care worker
- shop keepers
- farmers
- factory workers
- childcare workers
- school staff (teachers and education support)

This is not a fundraiser so there is no need for a gold coin donation.

WELCOME

We welcome our newest School Councillor, Kate Thomas who is kindly filling the vacant parent position from the start of the year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Our school council met last Tuesday 16th June and it was lovely to all be together again, with everyone in attendance and face to face, as our last meeting was via Web Ex. We welcomed a new school council member, Kate Thomas, and we really look forward to having Kate as part of our future meetings. I have no doubt Kate will really enhance our discussion with her thoughtful ideas and wealth of experience.

A good part of our evening was spent discussing the challenges and learning that the Covid19 pandemic experience brought to our school. We were all, both parents and teachers, navigating uncharted waters and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gene Vanderzalm for steering us through this time and all our teachers, staff and support staff for their incredible adaptability and commitment. I'm sure you would agree that the teachers did an amazing job in supporting our children, not only to continue learning, but also offering emotional support and lots of encouragement.

As a parent, home learning was without a doubt a challenge! I'm sure we all experienced many highs and lows. In some ways it was a wonderful opportunity to discover more about how our children learn and to have more time together, but it also gave us all a new appreciation of all that our teachers do and I must admit to personally being very glad that school is back! Well done to all our parents and students for making it through, you all deserve a big pat on the back!

Other items on the agenda included;

- Our school name change, which will hopefully we finalised in Term 3.
- An update on the new build, which is very close to completion and looking amazing!
- Changes to our student reports this term, due to home learning.
- Reading, and the need to encourage a love for reading in our children and how this will enhance every aspect of their life and education.
- An exciting \$5000 grant, which our school received for musical instruments. Thanks to Claire Guy for attending the Professional Development day and ongoing mentoring and to Claire and Tanya Jackson for carefully selecting new instruments, including ukuleles, bongo drums, boomwhackers and an assortment of percussion instruments.

Our next school council meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th July. As always, School Council is a parent representative body and we welcome thoughts, questions and opinions from the whole school community, so feel free to chat with any of us, anytime.

Danielle Lacy, School Council President

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

My parents were both farmers. They did not really take time out or time off. The job was never really done, in saying this we had much fun doing the jobs - motorbikes, horses, shearing shed banter and the calves in calving season were so sweet. Yet it was all work and as a little kid I learned that the job was never really done - hay still needed to be baled even if it was Christmas day.

This created hard workers in my family but it also made us all really bad at taking time out when we need it, taking time to reset our brains so we can function properly.

On Friday I took a day off work to do just that. The term has been HUGE and I felt like I was going to go into the last week of term and the school holidays with my heart racing and my teeth clenched, this is not what I wanted for myself, for my kids or my students. Instead I took the day to walk with and talk to my beautiful mum. As the day progressed my brain seemed to clear and I felt excited about week 11, the school holidays and term 3.

This is nearly the first time in my life I have done this guilt free. I am sharing this with you because after such a crazy term it is important that we all find the time to reset our brains so we can be the best parents we can over the break.

Ways to do this might be - taking a walk, doing a mediation, seeing if the kids can go to a friend (we are allowed up to 5 people in each others houses), letting them watch a movie while you read a book, doing an online exercise class, talking to a friend on the phone, taking a bath, gardening, having a date with your partner, trying to have one to one with your kids. Whatever you do, there is no need to feel guilty looking after yourself means you are looking after your family.

Have a safe and lovely break and if you need someone to chat to or think someone else might PLEASE be in touch.

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Donna Giliam, Primary Welfare Officer

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items in the lost property baskets at school, including items that look to be quite new. Please ask your children to check in the Lost Property before the end of term if you are missing any items. As per our usual procedure, any unnamed items that remain in lost property at the end of the week will be washed and donated to MACS.

STAFF PROFILE OF THE WEEK



Molly Patten **Student Support**

Where did you grow up? Korumburra

How long have you been involved with TVPS? On and off for 3 years

What is your favourite past time? Dancing

What was your favourite subject in school?
Sociology

One word to describe you? Smiley

What are you looking forward to this year at TVPS? Concert time always excites me!

What do you love about TVPS? The warm, welcoming and driven community

What is something you have always wanted to try? Scuba Diving

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will donate 5% of your purchases
to your school, kindergarten
or sports club.

- 1 Simply mention your school, kindergarten or sports club when you visit Bakers Delight Leongatha and your purchase will be recorded.
- 2 At the end of the year, all purchases for your school, kindergarten or sport club will be added together and Bakers Delight Leongatha will deliver the dough.
- 3 The dough can be spent on new resources for your school, kindergarten or sports club.



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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.