PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Feel Welcome
Last week I welcomed the staff and students to the new school year and this week I would specifically like to invite all parents, especially the new parents, to our school community.

In 2015 we will continue our KidsMatter journey including the ongoing focus on a positive and supportive school community. Over this term there are several events and opportunities where parents and carers can participate, meet each other and show and take an interest in the child’s school life. These include:

😊 Welcome Evening
😊 Prep Parent Morning Cuppa – meet other prep parents and Mrs Russell
😊 Thursday Catch Up Cuppas – pop in for a cuppa at 3:00pm just before pick up time
😊 Parent Student Teacher Meetings – a chance to connect with your child’s teacher and discuss how 2015 can be a great learning year for your child
😊 Stuart’s Cup- our House Sports. A great community event!
😊 School Council elections – an opportunity to contribute your ideas and represent the parent body
😊 Waratah Aths- athletics events at South Gippsland Secondary College, families most welcome

As a staff we look forward to meeting all our parents and carers and I ask you to support our positive and supportive school community endeavours by saying hi to new parents, supporting events and taking advantage of the opportunity to connect with other school community members.

Chaplaincy
Tarwin Valley Primary School was fortunate to receive continued funding for a Chaplain at our school. Jacqueline Taylor supports our community in various ways under the banner of Connect and Belong-Within Beyond.

Besides working with adults in the community her major role is to support students which includes working with:

😊 teachers in class, excursions, camps and school based programs
😊 groups of students outside the class (general consent needed)
😊 individuals (referral form needed)

Accompanying this newsletter is the general consent form that parent/carers need to read and return if they are happy for their children to work with Jacqueline in a group setting.

Referral consents are distributed on a needs basis if and when the time arises.

Jacqueline works closely with staff, especially me, to ensure her services align and comply with our student wellbeing directions. If you have any questions about Chaplaincy or seek specific support from Jacqueline please fell confident in contacting me for a discussion.
DROP OFF & PICK UP SAFETY - Use the crossing, it’s there for student safety.
It has been brought to our attention that an increasing number of families are dropping off and picking up students in Geale Street, especially near the staff car park. This is a busy and dangerous road and we would prefer, for the safety of the students, that children are dropped off and picked up in McKitterick Street, where they can safely cross the road with the School Crossing Supervisor, Eileen. There is ample car parking near the Stadium. The drains and slope in Geale St are quite hazardous and I have been told that this area is not a priority and despite being a permanent 40 kph speed zone, is not always observed by through traffic. In the next couple of weeks there will be some upgrades within the school grounds that will require students to use the crossing during construction.
(There was a great article in last week’s Sentinel Times outlining the role and importance of School Crossing Supervisors).

WELCOME EVENING
Come One, Come All to our Welcome Evening for 2015. The evening will commence at 6:45 on Thursday 26th of February. Wander up to the oval where games and activities will be taking place. Watch your children enjoy picnic games as you chat to teachers and other families or join in the fun! Bring a picnic rug or chair and a plate (one per family) to share for supper, BYO a drink (non-alcoholic) and get ready for THE GREAT TVPS RACE. Hurry back to the oval in time for the presentation of leadership badges at 7:30 pm followed by our shared supper before heading home to tuck the children into bed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
We are calling interest from parents and carers to join our School Council. Membership on School Council allows parents and carers the opportunity to represent the parent/carer community and input into the directions of the school. If you are interested or like some details, please see me or contact Sue Johnson.
Nomination and self nomination forms are available in the office area or the website.

PREP PARENTS MORNING CUPPA
Parents of Prep parents are most welcome to attend a morning tea this coming Monday 16th February at 9:20am. After a couple of weeks at school parents often have new questions and we can share some information that is more relevant now (e.g. sports events, other routines, specialists etc). Mrs Russell will pop in to share how settling in is going and will take parents back to the room to see the Preps with their Year 6 buddies (a chance to meet the students your child talks about).

TIQBIZ
The 2015 home groups are now up and running on Tiqbiz. If you have used Tiqbiz in the past, you will need to make new Tiqbiz selections for each of your child’s year level and home group, as well as whole school. To do this;
• Go into the Tiqbiz app and click the menu button in the top left.
• Click “find & tick”
• Type in our name (Tarwin Valley Primary School), and click when it appears.
• Tap to select the grades/home groups you require – remember to tick both grade level and home group for each child. Once you have completed the changes you needed to make, return to the inbox.

• If you are a new user, please refer to the attached flyer. Tiqbiz can be downloaded onto any smart phone, tablet or PC (or all if you wish!).

EMAILING NEWSLETTER
If you would like to receive a copy of the school newsletter via email please send a request to the following address: tarwin.valley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au If you are already on our list and wish to remain, there is no need to reply. We will take it that you will continue to receive the newsletter electronically.
The email copy will not replace a hard copy sent home to families, as we often have attachments to send home to various grades, but it will mean you have a copy saved to your computer each week for future reference! You are also reminded that all newsletters are available to view via our web site: www.tarwinvalleyps.vic.edu.au.

ICY POLES
Junior School Council students will once again be selling frozen fruit juice tubes. They are available at lunchtime for 50 cents each. Students should observe the following:
- 1 icy pole per day
- Exact money
- Purchase your own
- Use manners
BOOK CLUB
The first book club catalogue has been distributed today. Order forms & money (or credit card slips) are to be placed in an envelope with student’s name and ‘BOOK CLUB’ written on the front and returned to school by COB Wednesday 18th February. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic.
(Thanks to Mrs Callcott who has volunteered to help get the first issue out!)

BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR ROLE
Dear Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins and Neighbours,
It’s great to be needed! And we certainly need you!
There are so many vital tasks you could undertake at our school! Most of all we need you to help with BOOK CLUB! We are now looking for someone to assume the role of Book Club coordinator. Coordinating Book Club doesn’t have to take up a lot of your time... it could be as little as a few hours per term. Twice per term Scholastic sends catalogues full of books and other educational resources. There are a range of different flyers aimed at particular age groups, which offer families the opportunity to purchase books, educational games and posters at often quite discounted prices. In 2015, we are looking for a new parent volunteer to coordinate running Book Club in our school. The role involves the distribution of catalogues to students twice per term, collating and placing the school order with Scholastic online and, finally, the unpacking and distribution of the order to students. Mrs Callcott would be happy to teach you the ropes. (She does this in a voluntary capacity at her own children’s school.)
Book Club is all about bringing children and books together; there is nothing more precious than the gift of reading.
PLUS, running Book Club rewards both school and the students with FREE resources.
Contact the school for details. Thank you in anticipation!

2015 TVPS Calendar of Main Events

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*subject to change, see the Weekly News for updates
IT USER AGREEMENT
The Years 4-6 IT User Agreement was issued last week. This agreement will allow students to access our various devices, the internet and cloud storage. If you have ANY questions please feel confident to ring me for any clarifications. The form needs to be discussed and returned to school (Cloud storage is only available for students who have returned their forms and they will have no internet access until forms are returned). The Agreement can be found on our website. (http://www.tarwinvalleyps.vic.edu.au/news.html)

STUDENT AWARDS
😊 Kyra P for listening carefully and asking questions that help her understand routines and expectations.
😊 Emily E for showing excellent listening skills.
😊 Skáythah P for the positive way she has settled into our classroom 23J and our school, Tarwin Valley Primary School.
😊 Lily G for the upbeat, ready for school attitude she has started our school year with. Congratulations!
😊 Flynn L for offering to help when he saw a staff member carrying a heavy load.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:
😊 Sam B for a great start to the year and your role as a leader in our school.

YARD DRAW:
😊 Dayne A for a great job sweeping the basketball court.

HOUSE POINTS  Last Week’s Winner:  Waratah  Current Overall Leader:  Waratah

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Hi All
Welcome back to school as we journey through 2015 together. At TVPS we love to celebrate with you on discovering who your children are. Each one of them is important to us. My role as the School Chaplain is to walk along side families, staff and children, supporting you in any way I can, helping you and your child know that you belong, and are a central part of our school community. This week I have been talking in all the grades about when you share your worries and concerns with someone they seem not to be so big anymore. If you would like to have a chat about anything you can catch up with me on Tuesdays and Thursdays at school or make an appointment via the office. I wish you all a fantastic and healthy year of growing and learning together!!
Quote: “A Problem Shared is a Problem Halved” Author Unknown
Cheers Jacqueline Taylor Chaplain
“Community building, within and beyond, connect and belong”

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOW TO BUILD A RESILIENT FAMILY
Dr Ray Andrews, Doctor of Psychology, will be directing this message for people of any age, not just young families on Tuesday 24th March & Thursday 26th March 7:00pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday 28th March 12:30pm to 4:30pm at The Salvation Army building Leongatha. Suitable from single parents to grandparents and mums and dads. Today there are so many pressures on parents and children. How do you build a strong caring family when so many families disintegrate and end up dysfunctional? We encourage you to bring along or pass on this opportunity to anyone who would benefit. People of all ages will benefit and be strengthened with this message. All enquiries are to Martyn Scrimshaw 0407625122 or John Taylor 0417498746

MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Meeniyan Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 - 17 years to come join our competition.
Section 2 & 3, from 4.00pm Friday nights, Section 4 -Wednesday nights
Season starts Friday 20th February. Could all new players or any players not playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048/56636252 or Darlene 0417640035/56640035. 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 Friday 13th February. Late names will not be accepted. Teams & times for Section 2, 3 & 4 will be published in the Star newspaper on Tuesday 17th February.
Reminder: Fees are to be paid up front. Section 1 - $35, Section 2 & 3 - $40, Section 4 - $50. Plus registration fee if due.

VOLLEYBALL
Competition starts Thursday 26th February at 6.00pm at Leongatha SPLASH Stadium. Juniors (secondary) & Spikezone (primary from 8 years old) welcome. For more details phone Tom BH 5658 1043 or AH Mandy 5662 4395 / 0418 361 240.

STONE CREEK JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL PLAYERS
Training begins Wednesday 25th February, 2015 at the ground
Registration day is Sunday 1st March, 2015 at the ground, starting at 11am with a clinic conducted by senior netball and football players, followed by a BBQ lunch and registrations.
For more information contact ben.davey@cv-m10.com.au