PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Activities Abound
It’s really great to see the range of lunchtime activities on offer at our school and the initiative shown by our students and teachers to make lunchtimes fun and engaging. Besides sports, cubbies, spetto and other play activities, students can join in with planned activities. Currently the ‘Directors’ of the Performance Club have been busily and positively coordinating practices and times to perform for others. Caitlyn O and the other Directors have created quite an interest in this activity and have many students eager to perform.
Mr V is coordinating and supervising the lunchtime cricket competition during his lunch break - thanks Mr V.
Ms Gilbert has set up origami and paper plane activity station where students can access a number of books and materials to make planes and origami constructions.

Parent Participation
Last week parents and carers were invited to indicate how they would like to engage with our school and help with different activities that suit interest, ability and home/work/family situations. Some of the support can be done at school, others at home and others out in the community.
To date, we have only received 6 returns. Activities will depend on offers of support so please consider how you can support your child and your child’s school.

Brett Smith

PST INTERVIEWS
PST Interviews will be on Wednesday 4th March. This is an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to meet and discuss student progress and goals. Classes run as usual on this day. It’s also the Preps’ first Wednesday!
Bookings can be made at www.schoolinterviews.com.au after 5pm today.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

For parents who don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, a computer kiosk will be available in the Rainbow Room from Thursday onwards, so parents can still make their own bookings.
Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.
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. 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.
WELCOME EVENING
Come One, Come All to our Welcome Evening for 2015. The evening will commence at 6:45pm tomorrow, 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 drinks (non-alcoholic) and get ready for THE GREAT TVPS RACE. Hurry back to the oval in time for the presentation of leadership badges at 7:30pm 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 on our website. The timeline has been extended to next Wednesday 4th March.

PREPS
Starting next Monday 2nd March, Preps will attend school every day.

PREP - SCHOOL ENTRANT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRES
Last week, Prep students were provided with a School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) in the lead up to the school nurse, Judy Bright, visiting in the future. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so by tomorrow, Thursday February 26th.

STUART’S CUP – Friday March 6th 10.15am
- Stuart’s Cup involves a mixture of fun events, sprints, relays and distance events. The sports are named Stuart’s Cup to commemorate and remember Stuart McCaughan, who sadly lost his life in a car accident whilst a student at our school. At the time, the students raised money to purchase the Cup which is awarded to the winning house in athletics each year. The event is a popular community event and we encourage parents, family & friends to join us – bring your chairs, picnic rugs & lunch. We would appreciate offers to supply and erect gazebo type sun shelters that can be used by the students for shade. Spectators are also welcome to erect their own shelters.
- Normal classes will operate for the first lesson and classes will be walked down to the recreation reserve by staff, arriving at 10.00am in readiness for a 10.15am start. Children are asked to wear a t-shirt or polo shirt in their house colour, shorts and suitable shoes for running. Students will need to bring plenty of food and drink for the day – No lunch orders on the day please.
- Points are scored for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th placing with 1 point for their house for every competitor in the event. In this way all children’s efforts are encouraged and rewarded.
- At the conclusion of the sports children may go home with you if you notify the class teacher to have them crossed off the class roll and bus roll (if applicable).
- Please note: The ball games and tabloid sports session will take place on Thursday 5th March at 1:50pm at the school and sports stadium. Students are not required to wear sports colours for the Thursday afternoon session. Parents, carers and family members are also welcome to attend this session.

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
The annual RCH Appeal will be held on Good Friday, April 3rd. This year, funds donated by school communities will be used to fund The Royal Children’s Hospital Telehealth Project. This project enables children, who reside in rural and regional areas, access to video consultation reducing patient travel time, time away from school and disruption to family life. Donation envelopes are attached to today’s newsletter and are due back to school by Thursday 19th March. Please indicate on the envelope if you require a receipt (they will be distributed by the RCH at a later date).

‘THURSDAY CATCH UP AND CUPPA’
All parents and carers coming to school to pick up their children are encouraged and welcome to come earlier to share a cuppa and a catch up together every Thursday at 3:00. NO OBLIGATIONS – just meet and network with others. Mrs Taylor will be there to join you all for a cuppa. Wouldn’t it be a good way to get to know each other, even families from different grades than our own children. Thanks Corinne for supplying a cake and biscuits to go with coffee - a lovely thought!

LOST PROPERTY Has anyone found a yellow Tupperware sandwich lunchbox? If so, please return to Scott Mackie.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi All

What do I do? I am available as a helper, an encourager, a problem solver, to share a burden, a welcomer, a connector, a community builder, an includer, a listener and more.

Is this hard, sometimes. If I thought I had to have all the answers it could be really hard. My hope is that I can make a difference for others to see their own way forward and through the situation. So no, it’s not hard because I love being part of Tarwin Valley Primary School, your children, families and our community. Your children are wonderful, talented, creative individuals and with help from all of us around them they are making their way through the things you are so concerned about for them. It is their harder times, the challenges that face them that will help them become the person you hope they will become.

Resilient, capable and unselfish. Help them through, but don’t rescue them from trials!! Talk to others when you are worried. We often underestimate our children when we see them through our own history. You have turned out okay, so will they, but different. Hope this has helped someone.

Quote: "Instead of being afraid to start a new chapter in your life, be as excited as you are when reading a really good book and want to know what happens next." Author Unknown

Cheers,
Jacqueline Taylor  Chaplain
"Community building, within and beyond, connect and belong"
Belonging, connecting, caring

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**STUDENT AWARDS**

😊 Danielle P for demonstrating a confident, risk-taking attitude to her learning. Keep up the great effort!
😊 Jasper K for displaying a positive attitude towards his learning.
😊 Meesha P for being an active listener during instruction time. This skill supports her ability to begin and stay on task.
😊 Cathleen O for willingness and effort when refining and improving her writing.
😊 Isobel P for her ‘have a go’ attitude with any task that comes before her.
😊 Caitlyn O for being an active and enthusiastic Director for Performance Club.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:**

😊 Joshua J for growing confidence with others and engaging in conversations.
😊 Malachi A for producing a unique art piece for ANZAC Day.

**YARD DRAW:** Zara J for volunteering to clean up stairs.

**HOUSE POINTS**  Last Week’s Winner:  Bluegum  Current Overall Leader:  Wattle

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**Science & Technology**

Science and Technology has got off to a great start this year, with all students participating enthusiastically in our Chemical Science units. Students across the grades have been studying matter in solid, liquid and gas forms and have been looking at factors which affect states of matter such as heating and freezing. Pictured is Grade 5/6V, dressed in our new protective aprons and ready to experiment!
Cooking with Zucchini
I was surprised when I thought that I would like chips better than the fritters and the slice. But when I tried them I liked the slice and fritter more.
Lilly M-B

The smell of Zucchini
Today Years 4 & 5 cooked with zucchini. We made zucchini fritters, zucchini slice and zucchini chips. First group 1 made zucchini chips, group 2 made zucchini fritters and group 3 made zucchini slice. The best one we made in my opinion was zucchini chips. Chelsea

Cooking with Zucchini
Today Years 4 & 5 made zucchini slice, zucchini fritters and zucchini chips. We were in groups. I was in the group that was cooking zucchini chips.
Campbell J

Our Cooking Experience
After recess the Years 4 & 5 dashed to the kitchen and immediately washed our hands in the HOT bubbly water. Boom! Conor, Campbell and Talia chopped the zucchini up. Conor is getting hot and starts chopping like a chainsaw re re re re re... then splash into the egg and straight into the bread crumbs.
Mack G

Wow! I Never Knew...
I wish I had a time machine. Why? Today was awesome. Don’t butt in or I won’t tell you. The day started off as usual, but when I got to school my frown turned upside down. We were doing cooking! Even though we were cooking with zucchini I decided to try everything. We got into groups and did 1 recipe. I did zucchini slice. Then we had to write the recipe for zucchini chips. I’m pretty sure I almost got it correct. After PE we tried chocolate zucchini cake. It was my favourite by far. Today was EPIC, that’s for sure!!!!
Louise J

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next meeting: 3rd March, AGM at 9.15am in the school staffroom. All welcome (including toddlers).

Stony Creek Races Catering: Thank you to those who have returned their volunteer form. If you can assist in any way, please complete the form from last week’s newsletter and return to school by COB February 26th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Meeniyan Dumbalk United Football Netball Club welcomes all interested 11&U and 13&U boys and girls to commence netball trainings on Thursday March 5th at the Meeniyan Rec. Reserve netball courts, from 4.30 to 6.00pm. The competition, which is part of the Alberton League, has games commencing in April. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Darlene Jones on 0417 640 035 or Melody Martin on 0459 941 411. We look forward to seeing you at the courts!
Dear Parents,

Our school is very fortunate to have a long history of parent participation which allows us to run a variety of events for students and families and purchase resources and equipment to support student learning and wellbeing.

This year we’re hoping to fund the following items from our fundraising efforts:
- ✓ Mathletics or other online maths program to engage students and support maths learning
- ✓ New notebooks for rooms 6 and 7
- ✓ Student Wellbeing programs and activities

Once again, we are putting together a database of volunteers for various events so we can ring families for assistance according to how they would like to contribute to their child’s education at Tarwin Valley Primary School. The following is a list of events and a brief description and timeframe to help guide parents’ choices.

Could you please return this form by Wednesday 4th March. Thank you.

Brett Smith

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