PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Worth their Weight in Gold
August is ES (Education Support) Month in schools. This is a time to acknowledge, celebrate and express our appreciation for the outstanding work Education Support staff do to assist students and teaching staff. At our school, support ranges from a myriad of duties from administration, integration, intervention and excursion assistance to program support to name just a few. Our ES staff have always strived to improve their skills and knowledge and perform their roles to their best of their abilities. On Friday we thanked the ES staff with yummy ‘flowers’, gifts and speeches from our School Captains Fleur and Stuart.
We love having them part of the Tarwin Valley family!

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)
SRI resumes tomorrow. We have spent considerable time organising and determining whether we can offer SRI. Students have been grouped according to the returned SRI consent forms. Students not participating in SRI will also be grouped in a P-3 and 4-6 group and complete activities in accordance with the news guidelines. If you have questions or concerns please contact me.

School Council
Agendas, policies and some reports have been distributed today to allow for reading time before the meeting and time at the meeting to discuss any policy updates and the school review Brett Smith

TVPS BUSH DANCE
This year we are having an Aussie Bush Dance as our concert, on Thursday September 18th. We have hired a professional bush dance band and caller. Our students will get a chance to perform songs with live accompaniment, which will prove to be an exciting aspect of the night. This year’s grade 6 students will also be reciting some famous Australian Bush Poetry from the authors of Banjo Paterson and Dorothea Mackellar. Everyone will be invited to dance and learn some great old favourites like, the Queensland Backstep, Heel and Toe Polka and Strip the Willow. It will be a fabulous night for the whole family to have a dance, laugh and clap along. We will not be having set costumes or dress-ups, however, we would love if students could wear items such as, flannelette shirts, boys in jeans, girls could wear a long skirt etc. Please don’t stress over what to wear. We are more interested in seeing everyone there having a good time than what you are wearing! The Students have started to learn the dances and are working on their songs and poetry. We will also have students art work, facilitated by the talented Rachel Warren to decorate the Meeniyan Town Hall. Keep your eye on the school newsletter each week for more information.

OPINION SURVEYS
These are due to be posted this Friday Aug 8th so if you still have one please send it to school by Friday 9am.
SCHOOL SHOWCASE
A group of our school leaders, Fleur, Stuart, Jocelin and Holly are organising an Open Evening to showcase the talents of our students and give parents and carers the opportunity to visit classrooms to see their child/ren’s work. The School Showcase will take place during Literacy and Numeracy Week on Wednesday 27th August starting at 7pm. Mrs Callcott has also organised a Book Fair which will be open on the evening and after school on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August from 3.20pm – 4.00pm.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
Our annual Book Character Parade will be on Friday 22nd August during Book Week. This is always a fun and memorable time for the students (and staff). Students are asked to come dressed as a book character and bring the book along. It is not necessary to purchase a costume and, in fact, piecing together a costume from what’s available around the home brings out one’s creative side and much admiration (we are always amazed by our imaginative parents). Some helpful hints for costumes:

- Google Book Character Parade costumes
- Find a costume at home then find the book
- Involve your children in generating ideas
- Go through your bookshelves for ideas
- Remember favourite fairy tales, nursery rhymes, fables and picture storybooks
- Class stories and novels
- Don’t leave it to the night before

No superheroes please.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
Last week we had to use Group Text to send information out regarding bus cancellations. To ensure that any messages are received by the appropriate parent/carer please let us know if you would like your primary mobile phone number changed or an additional mobile phone number added to our group text.

COMMUNICATION
We use Tiqbiz as an instant communication to families when it is not possible or practical to send a note home. One advantage is that even if your children are absent from school you are informed of changes that may affect them instantly. We still have a large number of families who have not subscribed to the app, and encourage you to do so. Again, please check that you are subscribed to the correct boxes – eg. All Students, your child’s year level and their home group. Also, if you would like to receive your newsletter via email please contact the school office. Remember, you can always access the newsletter on our website too! Absences can also be lodged through Tiqbiz.

WANTED
Grades 4-6 are looking for old magazines to cut up and use in their clubs sessions beginning next week. Any donations would be gratefully accepted. Thank you, Kathleen Ross and Claire Guy

DESIGN-A-PLATE (MELAMINE PLATES)
Orders are still being taken for the Melamine Plates. Workshops will start next week. The templates will be distributed next Wednesday.

LOST CLOTHING:
Liam Waldron has lost his named TVPS Bomber Jacket. Could you please check to make sure your family has the correct jackets (just in case you have Liam’s and yours is at school). Thank you.

STUDENT AWARDS
😊 Matthew M for learning about integrity & doing what is right as a leader. He often sees what needs to be done & offers to help! Thanks for stepping up!
😊 Dylan H for his keen observations when making generalisations about ‘ir’ words during spelling.
😊 Ryan S for responding well to feedback on a personal goal.
😊 Mack G for using the checking strategy regularly and well.
😊 Zara S extending a mathematical discussion by considering subtraction problems to balance an equation. Fabulous mathematical understanding.
😊 Lachlan E for being the first to go and be part of a group that he is not usually with.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:
😊 Mitchell D for using maths strategies & knowledge effectively & efficiently to solve a maths question.

YARD DRAW:
😊 Lylah K for cleaning sand off clothes before entering the building.

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