PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Students in Year 6 have been busily working with Mrs Ross on their leadership applications which form part of the persuasive text unit. They have worked through the planning and composing stages of the writing cycle with most students refining their work to ensure they have relayed their message effectively with persuasive devices, used correct spelling and punctuation and presented in a clear readable manner. We look forward to reading them next week.

Students who were successful in gaining a badged position will be meeting with Mrs Taylor to develop their leadership skills whilst other interested students will also be supported with their leadership skills.

School Council Elections
The 2014 School Council elections are now open with parents invited to nominate or self nominate for the five vacant positions. School Council members contribute to the long term directions, decision making, governance and representation of the parent community. Parents are invited to become part of School Council and if you are interested or would like to know more please feel free to talk to the following members:

- Sue Johnson (President)
- Belinda Bright
- Sara Janssen
- Cathy Waldron
- Sarah Wolf
- Jocelin Mackie
- Kristen Elliott

We really appreciate the opinions and input of parents at School Council and it allows parents to learn more about how the school operates, where we are heading and how the school is addressing continuous improvement for our students’ learning and wellbeing.

Nomination forms can be collected from the office or are available on our website (http://www.tarwinvalleyps.vic.edu.au/news). Nominations close 5pm 19th February 2014.

Family BBQ and Badge Presentation
Tarwin Valley PS families are invited to our family barbeque on Thursday 27th February starting at 6.30pm. This is a good opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, staff and other families.

We will be presenting our School Captain, Junior School Council Leaders and House Captain badges at approximately 7:30pm.

Please find an order form for sausages at the end of the newsletter. Soft drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

Power Outage
On Tuesday 18th February the school and surrounding properties will be affected by a whole day power outage due to Bushfire Mitigation works. Please be aware that there will be no air conditioning, IT and lighting. Parents may consider the temperature on the day as there will be no cooling. We are on town water so toilets and drink taps will be working as usual. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s attendance on the day please let me know.
WILSON’S PROM CAMP
Our Year 3 & 4 students will be attending the Wilson’s Prom Camp from 19th to 21st March. Accompanying this week’s newsletter is an expression of Intent which will help determine final costings. We are seeking a Kitchen Coordinator to oversee the catering at the camp. This will involve overseeing and coordinating food preparation and the kitchen area as a dedicated role. The menu and purchase of food will be organised by staff. This role has been most successful in allowing staff and other parents to focus upon the student activities. If you are interested in this role or attending the Prom Camp for some or all of the time, please indicate on the expression of intent.

KATH GILBERT – PRIMARY WELFARE OFFICER
Hi – I’m Kath Gilbert, a mum, a step mum and a teacher with over 20 years’ experience; I play tennis and enjoy being part of a book group (though I never seem to finish the book!) My role of Primary Welfare Officer involves being a member of the KidsMatter Action Team. This year we will be implementing the KidsMatter initiative which aims to improve students’ wellbeing and mental health which in turn improves their learning. The initiative focuses on four key areas and the first of these is A Positive School Community. My role is to help support the Action Team, staff, parents and students by co-ordinating programs and activities with the aim of furthering the relationships between all.
As I have worked at TVPS previously, I look forward to catching up with many of you and meeting those I don’t know.
One such event is the Coffee and Catch Up on Monday 17th February for the Prep and new parents. By then we have been at school for two full weeks and you may have some new questions to ask but most of all this will be an opportunity to catch up after assembly.

DUMBALK MARKET
The school will be participating in the Dumbalk Market on 22nd March and we encourage families to save good quality toys and bric’a’brac for our trash and treasure stall. Proceeds of the stall will go towards student wellbeing programs at our school.

EARN AND LEARN
It may have been Mrs Ross’ birthday last week but we got our own presents when we opened the box of Earn and Learn products. Our 2013 school leaders ordered lots of fun and thoughtful products using the points our community had collected for the school. Of particular note were the large outside Noughts and Crosses and Dominoes games for students to use during lunchtimes.

BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR
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! Jacquie Mowat has been our Book Club Coordinator for many years and we appreciated her contribution to the school through this role. We are now looking for someone to assume this role. Helping with 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 to schools who participate in their fantastic Book Club. 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 2014, 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 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. And thank you in anticipation!

BOOK CLUB
The first book club catalogue has been distributed today. Order forms & money 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 19th February. (Thanks to Mrs Callcott who has volunteered to help get the first issue out!)
STUDENT AWARDS

😊 Meesha P for being an excellent listener and always following instructions.
😊 Lochlan W for considering questions carefully and responding thoughtfully during class discussions.
😊 Jada D for working so well on everything she does. She uses all her skills and knowledge.
😊 Zara J for consistently showing respect by listening, following instructions and being ready to learn.
😊 Fleur T for including everyone and for having the confidence to stand up for what she believes in.
😊 Kyle B for having a go for a Leadership position even when he is unsure of the result.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

😊 Tara S for a bright independent start to the year.
😊 Stuart B for fine detail on his micrography picture.

YARD DRAW: Dayne A for using beautiful manners.

HOUSE POINTS

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PARENTS & FRIENDS

What is Parents & Friends?
Parents and Friends is a group that meets once a month. We organise activities and services for the students and the school. For example: Easter egg raffle, hot lunches, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, fete, Stony Creek races, bbq’s etc. The money we raise goes directly towards the learning and wellbeing of your children at Tarwin Valley PS. This includes replacement of technology, playground improvements, Fresh Fruit Tuesday and supporting school activities.
We are in desperate need of new members, currently we meet on Tuesday mornings, however this can be changed to suit you. Come along next Tuesday and find out what we are about. Any queries please contact Jocelyn 0418 334 779 or Kylie 56634230. Hope to see you there!

Next meeting: The first meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 18th Feb at 9am in the staffroom. All welcome, bring your toddlers too. The meetings are not long and are a great way to keep in touch with your school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NetSet Go: Stony Creek FNC will be running a “netta netball” program for boys and girls aged between 5-11 with ages 8-11 play in the league competition. This program will be commencing in March cost is $45 includes registration/insurance and netball pack. All enquiries contact: Jess Sellings 0448306975

Uniting Care Gippsland: Free Youth BBQ – Everyone 13 – 19 years old are welcome to join us for a free BBQ & Fun at the Korumburra Recreation Reserve every Monday from 17th February to 14th April 2014. (except Labour Day 10th March) from 3.30pm – 5pm. For more information contact Allison Fry – Youth Development Worker @ Uniting Care Gippsland 5662 5150 or allison.fry@ucgipps.org.au

FAMILY BBQ SAUSAGE ORDER FORM

Please return by COB Friday 21st February with payment

Family Name: ___________________________________________

☐ We will be attending the BBQ.

Please find enclosed $____________ for __________ sausages ($2.00 each) for our family.

☐ I am able to supply a 2L container of coleslaw on Thursday 27th February.