New Playground
With great excitement and anticipation, we officially opened our new playground area on Tuesday. When I first became Principal at Tarwin Valley PS the Parents and Friends started dedicating their fundraising efforts to fund a new playground. With the generosity of time and participation, we quickly reached our target only to then wait for the connection of the new sewerage line which would unexpectedly run right underneath the new playground. (You can understand how tense I was when the contractors were digging the post holes last week!) When the sewerage connection was confirmed we consulted with the students on the overall style of the equipment and the desired modules. The company then designed a playground to fit that tight space and still include what the students wanted. The playground looks fantastic and will live up to a playground that lends itself to imaginative and active play. With a bridge, fireman’s pole, shop counter, mountain climbing wall and slide, I’m sure there will be many imaginative adventures to come. The official opening was made by Parents and Friends representative Jocelyn Mackie.

Parent Participation
Accompanying this week’s newsletter is a survey of how parents would like to contribute to their children’s school and education. We are endeavouring to present a range of activities and create a database of offers according to each family’s individual circumstances. From there we can contact parents and spread the load of the numerous behind the scene activities that make our school a dynamic place of learning.

It was really pleasing to hear that we have two new MACS volunteers who offered their time as a result of last week’s request. It’s important that we keep getting new volunteers to replace families who leave our school.

Farewells
This week we will be bidding Miss Suckling and Mrs Swan a fond farewell from our school community. Miss Suckling is heading off to Melbourne to start her tertiary studies. We have appreciated her contribution to our school as an Educational Trainee over the last year. She has been a confident young adult who brought an artistic flair to our school as well as a strong work ethic. We wish her all the best. Mrs Swan has worked at our school over the last few years supporting students with their learning both in the classroom and in one-one additional assistance. She has also contributed to the many and varied activities and processes that occur at schools to support student learning and wellbeing. We wish her the best and hope she can continue to support student learning in our network.
WILSON’S PROM CAMP
The Wilson’s Prom Camp information, including final costing, will be sent home in the next few days. We have not yet received an expressions of intent and deposit from all families to enable us to determine final costs. **If you have not returned your form, please do so by 9am tomorrow.** Thanks to the parents who have offered to attend and assist. We are still looking for a Kitchen Coordinator. The role requires someone to oversee the food preparation, serving and cleaning. All the menus, purchases, schedules etc will be done by staff. It was most successful last time by allowing staff and students to maximise their activity time. If this role is not filled, activities will need to be shortened to allow the staff to fulfil this role.

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.

KIDSMATTER
KidsMatter is a government initiative supported by beyondblue and Early Childhood Australia. KidsMatter seeks to support the mental health and wellbeing of children by:

- Improving communication between staff and parents
- Strengthening knowledge of child development among parent, carers, and school staff
- Promoting staff and parent knowledge of common emotional and behavioural difficulties that children may experience and where to access help.

KidsMatter is an initiative for all children and families – not just those experiencing difficulties.

How Can You Be Involved?
Our first task is to create an Action Team made up of staff and parents. NO experience necessary, training is provided – what we need are two parents who are willing to be the voice of the parent community by sharing ideas and opinions on how we can be more inclusive, helpful and continue to create a sense of belonging for all members of our school community. If you would like to be involved and have time for monthly meetings (probably on a Monday), reading emails, giving feedback and inputting from a parents perspective we would love to hear from you. Please send along the expression of interest slip at the end of the newsletter. Thanks to the Prep and new parent who came to the ‘Coffee and Catch up’ on Monday. This allowed parents to ask questions that have arisen since their child started school and visit their child’s classroom in action with their buddies.

Thanks, Kath Gilbert

STUDENT AWARDS
😊 Emily E-B for managing herself in the classroom as an independent learner.
😊 Hudson R for accepting the ‘sames’ and ‘differents’ of a new school in a new country and for confidently sharing his ideas and learning with the class.
😊 Stuart B for genuine respect, appreciation of diversity and a cheery, positive attitude.
😊 Hayley P for displaying resilience during the last 2 weeks.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
😊 Brayden S for his magnificent ladybird collage.
😊 Matt M for good time management of his leadership speech allowing time for revising.

YARD DRAW: Jess W for joining in cricket at recess.

HOUSE POINTS | Last Week’s Winners: Bluegum | Current Overall Leader: Bluegum
A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN
Hi everyone
Fantastic start with lots of happy faces!! Let me know if this is not the case for your child. Together we will try to find solutions. Just reminding everyone again that I will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays this year with an occasional swap day. My role at the school is very much about supporting students and families according to their needs, designing and implementing programs which develop and support student wellbeing, student leadership and school culture. As well as, building stronger relationships in and around Tarwin Valley Community and our school, and attending school camps. As I mentioned last week it is a good thing for our school to be 'Tarwin Valley' where we embrace the communities of Dumbalk, Stony Creek, Buffalo, Middle Tarwin as well as Meeniyan, belonging together. To build on this community, as well as to raise funds for Student Wellbeing Programs, TVPS is holding a 'Trash and Treasure Stall' at the Dumbalk Village Market on the 22nd of March. I am asking for your help to collect goods that you want to donate to this stall and bring them to the school to store here or bring to the stall on the 22nd, and to tell others. Please only donate things that are in good condition and that you yourself would want or use. Also, let me know if you can help on the day or just come along to help the day be a success.
Quote: "If you do not change direction, you will end up where you are going."
Cheers Jacqueline Taylor
“Community building, within and beyond, connect and belong”
Belonging, connecting, caring

PARENTS & FRIENDS
Stony Creek Races: We need your help please! Attached to today’s newsletter is a list asking for help. If you are able to work in the kiosk or supply food please write your name in an empty space and return to school by Friday 28th February.
Stony Creek Races are a major fundraiser for TVPS and for this to continue we need more families to help. If you are unsure about what is involved in helping please contact Kristen Elliott on 5663 2338 or 0438 172 527.

Next meeting: AGM Tuesday 18th March @ 9am in the school staffroom, morning tea to follow. Kids most welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Volleyball – Leongatha SPLASH Stadium. Juniors (secondary) & Spikezone (primary from 8 years old).
Competition starts Thursday 20th February at 6.00 pm. For more details phone Tom BH 5658 1043 or AH Mandy 5662 4395.

3km, 5km run/walk or 10km, 15km + 21.1km run. For more information go to www.basscoasttri.com or phone Deb on 0409 945 559 or Louise on 0421 969 360.

Camp Collamatong: Scripture Union Victoria, our Chaplaincy provider, run a camp at Lake Collamatong. It’s a great chance to have a few days camping beside a lake in a Tebbin (½ Tent, ½ Cabin) and joining in a variety of activities like canoeing, rafting, bush cooking and a boat trip.
There is an opportunity for interested students to attend the camp from 9th - 11th April 2014. If you are interested you can see Mrs Taylor and/or visit www.campcoolamatong.com. Cost: Students- $60.00. Please note this is not a school coordinated or endorsed camp, it is by private arrangement only.
MACS ROSTER – March 2014
For any change in your shift please call – Maureen Graham on 5664 0038 / 0402 402 591

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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.

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Coleslaw for Family BBQ & Badge Presentation Night
Name: .................................................................
Phone No.: ..............................................................

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

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Expression of Interest – KidsMatter Action Team Member
(Please return by COB Wednesday 26th February)

Name: .................................................................................................................................
Contact No: ..............................................................................................................................

I am interested in becoming an Action Team Member. I am available for monthly meetings on the following days at 3.30pm

Monday □ Tuesday □ Wednesday □ (please tick preferred days)
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 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.

There will be incidental events during the year when we will seek assistance.

Could you please return this form by Wednesday 26th February.

Brett Smith

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**From Home**

- [ ] Contacting Books
  - Once or twice a term
- [ ] Footy Jumper washing
  - (after Winter Sports- 4 sessions)
- [ ] Lost property
  - Washing unclaimed uniform to go to MACS (once a term)

- [ ] Book Club
  - Collect orders from school, order. Support provided
- [ ] Uniform sales
  - Coordinate orders

**At School**

- [ ] Easter Raffle
  - make ticket books, package prizes
- [ ] Hot Lunches
  - heat up items during terms 2 and 3
- [ ] Mother’s Day Stall
  - Sell items
- [ ] Fete – Every 2nd Year
- [ ] Father’s Day Stall
  - Sell items
- [ ] Kitchen Garden management
  - Weekly or fortnightly tidy up
- [ ] Cooking
  - When needed, 1 or 2 times a year
- [ ] Listening to Reading
  - Weekly – 1hr
- [ ] Winter Clubs
  - 3 activity afternoons and 1 presentation afternoon

- [ ] Concert Props and Costumes
  - Assist with making props and costumes
- [ ] Melamine plates
  - Even years, 2 x 1hr lunchtimes

**Out in the Community**

- [ ] MACS Community Op Shop
  - 1 shift / month(3hrs)
- [ ] Stony Creek Races Catering
- [ ] Stony Creek Races serving
- [ ] Meeniyan on Fire
  - Man the P&F stall- 1 hr
- [ ] Concert Raffle
  - Coordinate prizes and tickets
- [ ] Badge Presentation
- [ ] Cook and serve BBQ, drinks
- [ ] XMAS/Graduation
  - Organise BBQ, drinks, Santa/lollies, flowers
- [ ] XMAS concert/ Graduation Hall Set Up
  - (Sunday of last week- 1-2hrs max)
KIOSK & CATERING FOR STONY CREEK RACES 13-14

Parents and friends volunteer to work at the Stony Creek races and to continue this as a major fundraiser we need more families to help out with working 2 hours in the kiosk or supplying food. If you can help out in any way please put your name in appropriate space. You can nominate more than one option. P&F will only ask you to do one of the things you have nominated to do. The roster will be on the school newsletter prior to the races.

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All food items supplied are to be at Stony Creek race course before 11 am.

Any questions, please contact Kristen Elliott on 5663 2338 or 0438 172 527
Please wear a white top, black pants and enclosed shoes when working in Kiosk.