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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The year has started off really well and we are in for a very busy term one. We are fitting in as many sporting events and camps before the long, wet South Gippsland winter settles in. You’ll notice the number of events on the newsletter calendar and how close some of them are, especially swimming as they operate closely in succession. Please keep an eye on the calendar and any notes that come home.

Student Diaries
This year we introduced diaries to the Year 4-6 students to help manage their school life and coordinate their busy homelives with homework and upcoming events. The Year 4-6 students work with their teachers to enter any important dates. The diaries will encourage them to be more responsible and organised by physically recording the dates for themselves from various sources instead of expecting them to remember or others to remind. For example the Year 6 students have entered the Student Leadership dates. I also suggested to the Year 6 students to treat the diary as a planner so they can work out homework and other school tasks around their out of school activities. The parent feedback has been positive and hopefully this will support your role as parents to develop independence and responsibility in your children.

Learning in 2014
This year I have asked the teachers to find a quote that captures their vision for their students’ learning in 2014.
My quote for student learning is “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.” Dr Seuss. I want the students to believe that their achievements are determined by attitude and their learning disposition. I wish to guide my staff in supporting students to set high and achievable expectations, academically engage in their work and realise that purposeful effort leads to improvement.
The Years 4-6 students have also been looking at inspirational and aspirational quotes that ring true with them. I suggest parents of Years 4-6 students ask their children to share their inspirational quote or ask them to note it in their diaries to share.

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. SP AusNet will be replacing poles and undertaking a large amount of associated works. According to Department policy schools can not be closed in such situations and must determine how to manage according to their local circumstances. Our school will be able to operate with various modifications. There will be no air conditioning, IT, lighting and it will also affect other systems. Our phone system will be modified for the day with a reduction to one line into the school. 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.

CALENDAR
This Week Coming 5/2 – 12/2
10th February - Swimming Trials permission & money returned COB
11th February - School Council
Upcoming
13th February – Swimming Trials – Toora. For students who turn 9 or above this year.
18th February- Power Outage
20th February - District Swimming for those successful in trials.
24th February – AFL superclinic Yrs 1 & 2 permission form returned COB
27th February – Family BBQ/Badge presentation
28th February – Division Swimming for successful students
7th March – Stuart’s Cup – House Sports – Meeniyan Rec Reserve – All Students
10th March – Labour Day Holiday
11th March – Stuart’s Cup Back-up day
12th March – Regional swimming – Sale for successful students
13th March – Year 2 Sleepover
19th/20th/21st March – Yr 3/4 Prom Camp
25th March – Waratah Aths – South Gippsland Secondary College Foster – All Students
2nd April – School Photos
4th April – Last Day Term 1

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Anaphylaxis
Last year, staff were trained in the management of anaphylaxis. The school now has processes and practices in place to support students with known anaphylaxis and those who may have their first episode to an unknown trigger. These include:

- Availability of epipens
- Discouragement of sharing of foods
- Anaphylaxis Management plans for specific students
- Minimisation and Response strategies

Brett Smith

ACTIVE AFTERSCHOOL COMMUNITIES
Active After-school Communities (AASC) is a national program that provides primary school-aged children with access to free, structured physical activity programs in the after-school timeslot.
Activities for term one will be **AFL football** on Tuesdays starting next Tuesday 11th February and **gymnastics** starting on Wednesday 12th February. We are fortunate to finally get gymnastics and it will be taken by Tegan Bray who is a qualified gymnastics instructor and is also a local Meeniyan resident! A separate note will be sent home tomorrow containing additional information including the booking code to book online.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS
Our apple tree has had another bumper crop of apples and 2/3J had to quickly pick them before the birds devoured them all. Today we enjoyed apple slinkies at recess. We still have plenty left and we are selling them to support the Kitchen Garden. 2/3J are selling bags of 6 for $1. If interested send along $1 to 2/3J or see Mrs J before school.

On a sadder note, last week students were enjoying the plums in the Balinese Garden but unfortunately over the weekend the entire tree was stripped by someone of every remaining plum. Sad because they were on school property and even more that the children were enjoying partaking in a healthy endeavour and no longer can. This follows our beautiful, ready to pick cauliflowers taken last year. Please keep an eye on our school if passing by!

WILSON’S PROM CAMP
Our Year 3/4 students will be attending the Wilson’s Prom Camp from 19th to 21st March. This is always a great camp and information will be sent home shortly. We are seeking a parent volunteer 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 and the meals being ready on time. We will be calling for expressions of interest when the Prom Camp information is distributed and the Kitchen Coordinator will be the first adult helper chosen to attend.

AUSTRALIA DAY
Thanks to past students, Irene, Eleanor and Amy for representing our school at the Meeniyan Australia Day Ceremony. Irene proudly raised the flag and the girls read *My Country* by Dorothea Mackellar. The Australia Day ambassador was internationally acclaimed opera singer, business woman and community advocate, Stella Axarlis. Every year the ambassadors are inspirational and embody national pride.

BUS TRAVEL COMMUNICATION
1. It is school practice to follow the **last notification by parents or carers** regarding bus travel and not rely on verbal messages relayed by students. If a misunderstanding occurs or there is confusion, we endeavour to contact parents.
2. Parents/Carers of bus travellers who are not going home on the bus on any given night MUST notify the office prior to the end of the day. A phone call or note to school is required.
3. Parents/Carers of bus travellers who collect their children without notifying the office, must see the bus duty teacher.
4. If the arrangements are permanent, eg. tennis for the whole of Term 1, please request a ‘change of arrangement’ form from the office. At the conclusion of your child’s participation it is your responsibility to contact the office and have the arrangements revert back.
HEAD LICE INFORMATION
Please be aware and vigilant with lice checking over the next few weeks. The first two weeks after school holidays tend to be a peak time and lice often return due to students socialising with other groups of children over the holiday break.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN
A big “HELLO” to everyone
For those who are new to Tarwin Valley Primary School another very big "WELCOME" and welcome back to you all for 2014! It has been so nice to see all the familiar faces and get to meet our new families. 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 community. As well as, building stronger relationships in and outside Tarwin Valley Community and our school, and going on school camps. I will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays this year with an occasional swap day. Please come and talk to Brett or myself about any queries you have about the Chaplain's role. 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. One of the first things I want to do this year is to build on this community, as well as raise funds for the Student Wellbeing Program by holding a 'Trash and Treasure Stall' at the Dumbalk Village Market on the 22nd of March. The success of this venture will depend on the support of the community to donate good quality items that others may like to purchase. Please send along items to the school to store ready for the 22nd. Please only donate things that are in good condition and that you yourself would want or use. (no electrical items)
So we are all looking forward to belonging, connecting and building on a school community at TVPS that is caring and including throughout all the areas that make up our school.
Quote: “To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.”
Cheers Jacqueline Taylor “Community building, within and beyond, connect and belong” Belonging, connecting, caring

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, 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

STUDENT AWARDS
😊 Holly P for carefully choosing characteristics that suited her personality when presenting her Micrography portrait.
😊 Keelie P for stepping up into a leadership role by demonstrating excellent classroom expectations.
😊 Lachlan E for demonstrating leadership skills in class and at recess.
😊 Dayne A for his thoughtfulness in the classroom. He sees when a job needs to be done, offers and does it well.
😊 Louise J for being a kind and good friend to a new student.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
😊 Mrs Ross for settling in beautifully to a new country, house, school, school system and grade.
😊 The new Prep’s for a great start at school.

HOUSE POINTS
Last Week’s Winners: Bluegum
Current Leader: Bluegum

PARENTS & FRIENDS
MACS ROSTER – February 2014
For any change in your shift please call – Maureen Graham on 5664 0038 / 0402 402 591

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MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Meeniyan Junior Basketball would like to invite any new players 7 - 17 years to come join our competition. Section 1 3.45pm Friday- Skills then a game, Section 2 & 3- Friday nights, games starting 5pm onwards, Section 4 - games Monday nights.
Season starts Friday 14th Feb. Could all new players or any players not playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048/56636252 or Darlene 0417640035/56640035. Teams & times for Section 2, 3 & 4 will be published in the Star newspaper on Tuesday 11th Feb.
Reminder: Fees are to be paid up front. Section 1 - $35, Section 2 & 3 - $40, Section 4 - $50. Plus registration fee if due

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

STONY CREEK FNC will be holding a Family/ membership day on Sunday 9th Feb for all returning and new members. There will be activities and meet the coaches as well as a BBQ lunch @ 12noon at Stony Creek.
All enquiries: Jess Sellings 0448306975

LEONGATHA TABLE TENNIS – 2014 Autumn Season Starting
Competition Start Dates: A Grade – Tuesday 18th February – 7pm start
A Reserve – Wednesday 19th February – 7pm start
B Grade – Wednesday 19th February 5pm start
New & existing players please register interest with Michael or Tammy Holwerda 5664 0178 or (T) 0427 681 480 or (M) 0429 641 354. All grades practice is on Tuesday nights @ 7pm.

LEONGATHA & KORUMBURRA LIBRARY
Our Baby Thyme Time & Story Time programs are designed to get kids started with language & literacy. Join in for stories, songs, rhymes and activities in a fun, social setting. And best of all: They’re FREE!!
Story Time at Leongatha Library – Fridays 10.30am to 11am. Story Time is a fast, fun half-hour of stories, songs and activities aimed at pre-schoolers. Younger siblings welcome too.
Living Language: The Early Years at Korumburra Library – Starts Thursday 6th March, 10.30am. a 5 week program for babies and toddlers: learn language through stories, rhymes and play! Older siblings welcome. Join us for a cuppa and a chat from 10am before session commences.
For more information call 5622 2849 or visit www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au