



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday break and that you managed to fit in plenty of family time and activities. Most of you won't be surprised to hear that I went to Wilsons Promontory again. I do love it there and we had a very relaxing two weeks. It was amazing to see the gradual transformation after the devastating fires that they experienced last year. A whole new flush of growth is very evident in most of the fire affected areas and many previously dormant plants such as the grass trees have been stimulated into flowering and reproduction. It seems too, that across Victoria, we are having many of the same fire issues that troubled us last year. Some schools in the Grampians and Gippsland have had delayed starts to the year and other communities are recovering from the devastation that fires can wreak. There may be some concern amongst parents of year 6 children who set off on camp next week to Yallourn North which has been in the news of late, with fires in several areas of the district. Be assured that we have been in constant contact with the camp manager to monitor this situation. He assures us that the fires are not a threat to the camp at all. He has sent us a copy of their fire management and emergency plan and we are satisfied that the children attending the camp are in no danger. Their safety is obviously our prime concern. Last year too, we reviewed our own fire management and emergency plan in consideration of the fact that we do have adjacent bushland areas that present a heightened danger of fire threat to the school. The plan was developed and improved on the basis of our own experience and the advice of the education department's emergency management guidelines as well as local CFA personnel. Once approved by School Council, relevant sections of the plan will be made available to the community.

Welcome

This morning we welcomed many new faces to the Tyabb community in the form of 53 Prep students. This is our largest Prep enrolment in several years and a healthy situation for our school. The message is obviously out there that Tyabb is the school of choice and our enrolments are growing

and being sourced from an increasing geographical area. After only a very few tears (not from the children) they began, what we are certain will be, a wonderful seven years at Tyabb. They had a wonderful first day, full of excitement and expectation. We also welcome a number of new students and families across other grade levels as well. We hope you find Tyabb all that you wished it would be. I am sure that I have met most of the new families but if not, please come and introduce yourselves. We welcome the Edwards family, the Meeres family, the Whitford family, the Stimpson family, the Summerfields, the Clarkes, the Wood family, another Clarke family, the Jenners, the Coles, the Henderson family, the Rogers family and the Strickland family. These families with children at older year levels join a host of new families in our prep grades. We welcome you all to what is a very welcoming school community. I am certain that you will enjoy your time at Tyabb Primary School.

Staffing changes

It has also been terrific to see our new staff begin the year so amazingly well too. Melanie Seal (Prep S), Miranda Dummett (2D) and Anne McDonald (part time in 2H) have all made an incredibly smooth transition into our school and I am confident they will all be fantastic contributors to our school. I have visited each of their grades and the children are delighted with their teachers and that, after all, is the most important thing!

Heat policy reminder

As you know, all of our classrooms are air-conditioned. However, we have formulated a policy to cater for days of extreme heat. *It had been decided that, should the temperature reach 37 deg or over at lunchtime (local temperature), then children will be kept inside and supervision arrangements as for a wet day timetable will be implemented. If parents feel that children are better off at home on a very hot afternoon, then you are welcome to call at the office before 12.50 pm to pick them up.*

School Council Elections

Materials announcing the School Council elections are going home with this newsletter. If you are thinking of nominating and would like some more information, please give me a call at school and we can have a chat. It is a crucial part of our school

operation. Please note that 3 of our current councillors have indicated their intention not to renominate so this could be an ideal time for you to consider your School Council involvement.

Grade 6 Camp

On Monday we will farewell the grade six children on their camp to Woorabinda. They will have a great time at Woorabinda School Camp. I have been to Woorabinda many times myself and I know that they will return home with many stories of a week full of challenge, learning and fun.

Principal's Reminders in Replay

Before I close, I will throw in a few reminders that always seem to crop up as issues.

Hats: Don't forget that Tyabb is a "Sunsmart" school. The official school broad-brimmed Trigger hats are compulsory for Term 1 for all children.

Baseball caps are not an ideal form of sun protection, and are no longer acceptable. The Trigger hats look terrific, are very trendy but also very "Sunsmart".

Medication: We CANNOT give medication of any kind, without your written permission. If you need your child medicated during the day, whether on a short term or long term basis, you must fill out a medication form, available from the office. The information that you send should have full information as to dosages, times, indications for use and permission for the medication to be administered. This information should be given to the office along with all medication in suitable containers. If the medication is for ongoing issues such as ADHD or asthma, a full management plan should be given to the school on the appropriate form.

Early morning and after school supervision: I am always concerned with the number of children who are in the school grounds before 8.45 am each morning. We have a well-staffed and closely supervised Before School Care program and there are teachers on duty from 8.45 am onwards. Beyond this we cannot take responsibility for children left in the playground in the morning unsupervised. This applies equally after 3.45 pm in the afternoon.

Uniform: Whilst in the transition period for our new uniform, the wearing of school uniform is still compulsory at Tyabb Primary School. It has been terrific to see how many children have been wearing the new uniform items. It

is our hope that children will be able to wear either the new uniform or the old uniform and try to avoid combinations of each but we will be tolerant and flexible in this regard. However, the uniform policy is very clear and School Council approved. The transition period is not to be used as an excuse for not wearing proper uniform. It is there for reasons of uniformity of appearance, convenience for parents and security for children. Please ensure that your children are wearing one or other of the prescribed uniforms at all times. On those odd occasions when the drier has broken down or the dog has eaten the only clean shirt, please send a note along.

Forms to fill in

Early next week, you will also receive a number of forms to be filled in. It is most important that these forms are filled in correctly and fully. Each child will receive a Welfare and Discipline form, a Media Permission form, a Local Excursions form and an Internet Acceptable Use policy. All of the forms are very similar to previous years. Please fill in the forms as diligently and accurately as possible. Previous student information data, provided by parents, will be sent home in an envelope with all children next week. We ask that parents please update the information as necessary (phone nos, contact details etc on the sheets provided) and return the forms to the office. This is to alleviate the time consuming task of completing all new Student Information Forms at the start of the year. Please return the information promptly. We emphasise the importance of up to date information in case of illness, accident or emergency. New Asthma Management forms will be sent home for updating for those children listed as having asthma (even if only an occasional attack).

Have a great week everyone.

Greg Lacey, Principal

CAR PARKING

Just a reminder that parents are not permitted to park in the staff carpark in Jones Rd at any time. The area near the roundabout is strictly **STAFF ONLY**.

FORWARD DATES	
FEBRUARY	
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th	Gr 6 Woorabinda Camp
MARCH	
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th	Water Safety Program - Gr 5 & 6
Friday 10 th	Last day of Term 1
Monday 27 th	First day of Term 2

BELEZA UNIFORMS

Beleza Uniforms will continue to operate a uniform shop from the school each Friday from 3 – 4 pm (next to the Music Room) commencing next Friday, 10th February.

WANTED - If anyone has a size 4 girl's school dress that is no longer required (either sale or donation) please contact Dianne at the school office. Thank you.

Out of School Hours Care "Kid's Club"

Welcome back for 2006. A busy start to this special term. Great to see those who are returning to the program and a pleasure to welcome some new children as well.

We have vacancies in both Before School Care and After School Care. **Parent Agreement Forms and Enrolment forms must be completed before children attend the program.** Please make sure Parent Agreement Forms and Enrolment Forms for 2006 are also returned for students previously attending.

We look forward to a very enjoyable term,
Deidre & Marlene

CANTEEN
Pink notices with information about the canteen and a request for volunteers have been sent home to all families today. Please return the notice promptly if you can help out. Without a roster of helpers the canteen cannot operate.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
To be eligible to receive the Conveyance Allowance students must live more than 4.8 km by the **shortest practicable route** from the **nearest** school. If you feel you are eligible please call at the office for a claim form.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
If you hold a Pensioner Concession or Health Care / Benefit Card current on the first day of term (30th January, 2006) you will be eligible for the above allowance for your child/ren. The E.M.A. is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children and is paid in two instalments for the year. Please call at the office by Friday, 24th February with your concession card, to complete an application form if you are eligible and have not already done so. It is up to the individual claimant to complete the required paperwork as we are not aware of whether families are eligible or not - family circumstances can also change from time to time.

Application forms must be submitted to the school by Friday, 24th February, 2006. NO LATE CLAIMS CAN BE ACCEPTED BY THE SCHOOL.

The Sports Arena

FORWARD DATES
22nd February – District Tennis Championships
24th February District Swimming Carnival
8th March - Zone Swimming Carnival

Keep on keeping on,
Kathie Toft.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
The Program is filling up and timetables are being sorted at the moment. Lessons start in the week commencing February 13th and children will receive a note with details of their lesson time.

If you would like your child to be enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program and you have not completed a form please contact the office.

Violin Prep to Gr 6
Keyboard Gr 2 – 6

Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone and Guitar
Gr 3 - 6



HELP!!
Grade 3 S is looking for donations of the following items :

- Clam shell – both sides
- Artificial plants – assorted
- Fish tank pump

If you can help please see Mrs Selby in room 11 (next to Music room). The children in 3S would like to set up a pond area either side of the 'bridge' into their room.

**Last day of Term 1
Friday, 10th March,
2006**
Dismissal time 2.30 pm.
After School Care will operate from 2.30 pm in the Hall.

**PADUA COLLEGE
YEAR 7, 2007**

**Applications for enrolment
close on Friday, 24th February,
2006**

If your child is in Grade 6, Enrolment Packages are now available. Please ring Mornington Campus on 5976 0100 to have one sent out or collect from reception at either Mornington or Rosebud Campus. Enrolments close 24th February, 2006. Bookings for College tours now open – telephone Mornington Campus on 5976 0100 or Rosebud 5982 9500

PARENTING CHALLENGES

If you have a child with challenging behaviour (including ADHD) share information and ideas about making life easier. A **FREE** four week course for parents of children aged 3 – 12 years with challenging behaviours at Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services, 1 Church St, Hastings from 1 pm – 3 pm on Tuesdays (February 14th, 21st, 28th & March 7th). **No cost but bookings essential.** Contact Andrea at Good Shepherd 5971 9444 for further information and /or bookings.

SOMERVILLE & HASTINGS DANCE CLASS

Dance in a fun & relaxed atmosphere with committed and caring teachers. Pleasing results by end of year concert. No costume making. Phone the Principal – Val on 5975 1117 or 0409 836 276.

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MY PET - I woke up. It was a cold morning and the grass was still damp. I didn't want to get up but my dog was barking. It was strange. It was the same howl as last night when she heard the rustling in the trees and saw the dark shape dashing across the wet and cold metal roof of my house.

I went outside to see what she was barking at. I looked around, saw nothing and heard nothing. I wondered what she could be howling at. I didn't know so I walked back inside and went back to sleep but she was still howling like crazy!

I put my head under my pillow and tried to forget. I could still hear it though. How could I forget with that racket outside? Maybe it's rabbits! She normally barks at rabbits but there were no rabbits last night and if there were, how do rabbits get up on the roof and in the ' I got out of bed once more. She'd run down to the shed. I went down there.

What a weird smell! I looked down. Dead possums!
So that was the rustling in the trees and the shape running along the roof!

That's the story of my bad dog!

By Mitchell 5/6G



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MY PET – Sad Stories

A very long time ago when my Mum and Dad and black..... I think. Well, anyway, one and he got hit by a car.

A few years later my brothers and sisters and I know that. Whenever you opened the s He had run off! Everybody thought he got hit

Just four or five years ago I had two pet budgies too.

And because she didn't feed them they starved

A while after the budgies we got two fish. We food.

WESTERN PORT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

Winter 2006 – Basketball Competition

All Age Groups Welcome. Under 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, Boys and Girls.
Men, Women, Mixed, Mid Week Ladies All abilities

Monday	Under 12 & U/12 Boys, U/14's Boys, U/18 Boys, U/16 Girls, U/18's. Girls, & Open Women
Tuesday	Mid Week Ladies & Boys U/16's
Wednesday	Girls U/12 & U/14 & Men A, B, C Grades
Thursday	Mid Week Ladies – Morning, All Abilities
Friday	U/10's Mixed, Grades 5/6 Boys & Grade 5/6 Girls
Saturday	Grade 1/2 Mixed, Grade 3/4 Mixed, Jelly Ball (Preps), Oz Ball
Sunday	Open Mixed, Open Mixed – Over 35's

Entries are being taken “NOW” for all age groups.

New season starts February 27th

For Team Entry or further information please contact the office.

☎: 5977 7533 or visit our website at www.wpba.basketball.net.au

Stadium Locations: Somerville Recreation & Community Centre 14 Edward Street, Somerville.
Hastings Leisure Centre Watts Road Hastings, Bittern Stadium Cnr Myers & Henderson Roads Bittern

BAXTER SOCCER CLUB

Registration Day Wednesday 1st and 8th February 5-7pm.

We have all girls teams U12, U13, U14 and U15s

Boys and girls teams 5-18 year olds and 2 senior teams in the local Bayside League, as well as try outs for the

Under 13 Super League team.

All new members require proof of DOB.

Enquiries to Colin Nicholson 0408778123,

Julie Henderson 59793219 or the clubrooms 59713204

www.baxtersoccerclub.org.au

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