



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's week 3 and the term is half over! This is very strange indeed! I am not sure how the children will cope with all this; probably better than us as usual. I do suspect though that come week 3 of term 2, the children's body clocks will be telling them that they should be on holiday. It happened when we changed to a four term year in the late 80's. The children were so used to the term length, especially the older ones, that the change really threw them for the first year or so. It might be something for parents to be aware of next term. If the children are inexplicably tired and cranky (more than usual that is) in April, it may be a simple body clock adjustment.

School Council

Congratulations to our three parents who were elected to our School Council. There were three nominations for the three positions and so we congratulate and thank Tony Gay (re-elected), Clare Holland (officially elected after fulfilling a casual vacancy) and Sue Darby (new member of Council). We now have a full complement of parent members for Council. There are still co-opted vacancies which can be appointed any time so, if you are interested, please feel free to pop in and have a chat.

PFA

On Monday evening the PFA ran their annual general meeting. The term AGM often scares off attendees in fear that they might "get a job". Fortunately not everyone thinks that way and we congratulate three mums who did "get a job". Narelle Harvey has taken on the role of President. Sharon McKinna is the new Treasurer and Carol Faska returns as Secretary. They already have a program of activities for 2006 and I sincerely hope that they get the type of support they deserve from the wider parent community.

Student Leadership Positions

Some of the Student Leadership positions for 2006 have been decided and on Friday, House teams will meet to elect House Captains and Vice Captains.

Announcements will be made at Monday morning's assembly. An official presentation ceremony will be organised for later in the term, once badges have been organised.

Queen's Baton Relay

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find details of the Commonwealth Games

Queens Baton relay which will be passing down the Peninsula soon. Whilst the distance to the relay route prohibits us from organising a school activity to watch the relay, we would encourage all families to take advantage of this once in a lifetime event. Should children be absent on the morning of the relay, we will be fully understanding.

Year 6 camp

It seems I say the same thing after every camp from which I return and sometimes that can make it sound a little trite. However, I will say it again and I don't want this to be in the least bit trite – the Tyabb kids continue to impress and amaze me with their enthusiasm, good humor and fantastic behaviour. Once again, Tony Ireland from Woorabinda Camp, had nothing but praise for our children and I have to agree. I am also pleased to know that our opinion is supported by one of our parent helpers who went on the camp and you will see his report elsewhere in the newsletter. Thanks to the staff for their time and commitment in organising the camp. Thanks to the parent helpers who came along, without whom our school camp program could not operate, and thanks to the year 6 children for allowing me to share their camp experience.

After 27 years and about 50-60 camps I thought I had seen and done it all but we certainly had a first on the year 6 camp. Sam Toft (see picture over page) arrived at camp with a plaster on his leg. He broke his foot some time ago and has been on crutches since. At camp, we decided that he would be better able to participate if his plaster was off so, with the permission of his doctor, we removed his plaster! Unfortunately, as you can see in the photo, the tools were crude but effective. The shocked and worried look on his mum's face was something to behold too! Sam was very brave throughout the whole operation. Well done Sam!

New office staff member

If you were around the office on Wednesday, you would have seen a new face. The new face is Anna Goss, who it seems is already well known around the community. Anna normally works at Mt Martha PS but will be helping us out occasionally whilst Dianne and Chris attend a series of training activities

on the new Department of Education administrative software.

Gardener

School Council has decided this year to fund the employment of a part time gardener to maintain and improve the gardens and playground around our school. We will be looking for someone with some knowledge and background in this area as well as some skill in creating new garden spaces with the emphasis on native and indigenous vegetation. Details of this position will be distributed within the community soon in the hope that we can find someone from our own local community to fulfil the role. If you are interested and have the necessary skills, keep an eye on the newsletter and notices!

Wakakirri

Last year, we mooted some possible changes to the year 5/6 program, especially in relation to the RACV Energy Breakthrough program. At the year 5/6 unit meeting last night, we discussed the various proposals at length. In summary, we have decided to commit our efforts to entering into the Wakakirri – National Story Telling competition, which is a performing arts activity involving story writing, performance, dance, singing and music. Wakakirri will involve the whole 5/6 area and preparations will continue through term 2 leading towards a performance at the Frankston Arts Centre in the week 17-19 July. It is a very exciting prospect and something brand new for Tyabb and we already have an enthusiastic team of parents and teachers committed to this project.

RACV Energy Breakthrough

Don't panic though. We have not abandoned the RACV Energy Breakthrough program which has become almost synonymous with the Tyabb Primary School name. We already said that the time and commitment involved in each of these activities meant that we could not be involved in both to the same degree as usual. Certainly our intention is to run Wakakirri every second year and to fully commit to the RACV Energy Breakthrough program in the intervening year. This year, we will still be involved in Maryborough but it will be to a lesser degree than is usual. We intend entering teams for HPV and pushcarts at this stage whilst we evaluate the level of work involved in Wakakirri. Without any detail at this point, we can say that we will be

involved at Maryborough but to what degree, we do not know at this time.

Student Information Sheets

Along with this newsletter, you will receive a sealed envelope with a print out of the current student information records that we hold for your family. We ask that you check this information carefully, make any changes that might be necessary and send it back to school as soon as possible. This should be a simpler system than filling out a new form for each year and hopefully will assist us in keeping more accurate records of our students. We ask that you return the forms to school whether you make changes or not so that we know you have checked it. Thanks!

Retirement announcement

The news may already have leaked out through other means, certainly the staff at the school have known for some time, but the end of this term will see the retirement of Heather Tytler. Heather has had a long and successful career in education. Her commitment to her work is unquestioned and the high standards of the curriculum planning, processes and achievement levels are testament to Heather's vast knowledge and meticulous work ethic. I would like to wish Heather, on behalf of the Tyabb community, a long and healthy retirement and express our heartfelt gratitude for her contribution to our school and her commitment to the education of Victorian



children.

Have a great week everyone.

Greg Lacey, Principal

FORWARD DATES

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

PFA NEWS

Welcome everyone to yet another fabulous year for Tyabb Primary School. For those who don't know me I am

Narelle Harvey and I have two children at the School, Remi in 4W and Scott in 2D and I'm this years PFA President.

Our aim this year is to add a few new fundraisers to the list of old but reliable ones and also new faces to the PFA amongst the older and reliable (make that experienced) faces. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you've got any ideas to put forward, or even better, want to donate some time to support them.

Our first fundraiser this year is our Lolly Drive. There's a nice range to choose from so don't forget to ask family and friends, Nan or Pa if they want to buy some (great for their false teeth) to support the school. Orders and money are due by the last day of Term 1 which is only a couple of weeks away, so happy selling.

Narelle Harvey
PFA President
Ph: 5979 2710



From the Acting AP's Desk

Well I've only been in this new position for a couple of weeks and I already have an indication of what I am in for. So far my days have included working with electricians and plumbers, having broken skylights, leaking roofs and blocked drains repaired, and the best of all, reporting to the EPA on the performance of the septic treatment plant! Next thing will be carpet replacement into Greg's office as I'm sure I am wearing it out as I go backwards and forwards to ask another question.

It was great to still be able to attend the Year 6 camp at Woorabinda for a few days. I first got to know these children when I taught them in grade one. They are a fabulous group of kids and it did make me regret just a little that I wasn't one of their class teachers again this year. I must admit that after a long, make that a very long night walk, canoeing into a strong wind and through waves and a few nights of less than the normal amount of sleep, I did come home on Wednesday afternoon and need a little 'nanny nap' on the couch! I must thank my canoeing partner, Rachel. She has a lot of strength in those little arms and together we managed to go in the right direction and not end up in the water. Thanks Rachel, a great effort.

Over the holidays Tony had organised for a line marker to come in and repaint, and then add a few more activities for the children to use on the hard court surfaces. The children are making good use of these areas and I'm sure they appreciate being able to see the lines again. The two snakes near the oak tree didn't turn out quite as expected but Mrs Wright has taken on the challenge and she is going to get the children to paint and decorate them as part of her art program. It is going to be great to see what Sharon and the kids can create.

Unfortunately we had some vandals in over the holidays and they damaged several skylights. Repairing these skylights is becoming very expensive. The police have informed me that they keep an eye out for uninvited visitors in the school grounds after hours. Hopefully now that the holidays are over, the kids responsible will have less free time on their hands.

Yes, it is going to be an interesting six months, but I am looking forward to the challenge and I appreciate the support of the parents who have wished me well. I am just grateful that we have a list of tradesmen available and that Greg is a very patient and supportive boss!

Charlene Duthie

THANK YOU

To all Grade 6 Children,
Thanks for allowing me to share your Woorabina camp experience. I had a ball. The staff always talk about the Tyabb spirit that our kids possess and once again last week was a shining example of this. Every one of them did something that would make their parents proud - from helping others, to team spirit, politeness and just having a go. The teachers and helpers deserve accolades for their guidance, caring and support. Don't forget these people give up their home comforts, family and life for the week, don't get any overtime and still get up every morning with a smile. They don't expect it but a thank you when you next see them would let them know your appreciation.

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 next 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 next Friday, 24th February, 2006. NO LATE CLAIMS CAN BE ACCEPTED BY THE SCHOOL.

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 on the last day.

The Sports Arena

Welcome back everyone. I trust you all are well rested and feeling fit and looking forward to an action packed 2006. Term 1 is short but busy so I hope everyone's batteries are well charged. After already spending a terrific week at camp with the Grade 6's, we've held trials to select students to play tennis in the Hastings District Tennis Competition at Balnarring Tennis Club. Olivia Schmidt and Monique Boer together with 2 boys yet to be decided, will represent Tyabb P.S. If successful at this competition next week, they will become part of the District Tennis Team which may go on to compete at Zone and State level later in the term. Good luck to you all.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our dedicated and talented swimming team will start training early mornings at the Somerville Health and Aquatic Centre tomorrow in readiness to compete in the District Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th February at Crib Point Pool. We have 31 children in our squad, captained by Andrew and Felicity Elliott. Best wishes to the following children who will undoubtedly do us proud on the day.

Grade 4 - Natalie, Emma, Emma, Melissa, Scott, Marcus, Mitchell, Riley, Jack.

Grade 5 - Georgia, Rachel, Maddison, Shae, Jaimee, Rylan, Justin, Dylan, Wade.

Grade 6 - Felicity, Samantha, Bronte, Tara, Tayla, Monique, Rachel, Andrew, Andrew, Tristan, Sam, Aden, Cameron
Let's hope all the effort pays off.

BASKETBALL TEAMS

The Westernport Schools' Basketball Competition starts the weekend of 3rd March. A notice was sent home this week to all students who are interested in playing basketball this season and teams will be organised as soon as final numbers are in. It is important that parents realize that these teams need helpers – coaches, scorers and team managers. Without them, the teams can't operate! Please help out if you can.

For our interested Prep children, the Basketball Association is running an Oz Ball Program on Saturday mornings.

P.E. CLASSES

Please make sure your children have their hats, runners and water bottles with them at school on the days they have their P.E. classes. With the warmer weather, it is really important that they are able to hydrate themselves during classes.

Monday -

Grades Prep H, Prep P, Prep S & 2HM

Tuesday - Grades 6S & 6C

Wednesday - Grades 1B & 1G, Grades 3S & 3/4L, Grades 5J & 5/6G

Friday - Grades 4W & 4M

All in all, it looks like a great year coming up. If you have any queries or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Keep on keeping on,

Kathie Toft.

HELP!!

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

- ½ dozen Honeycomb Rocks
- Artificial plants – assorted

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.



Oliver's Creek Reserve

The next working bee in Oliver's Creek will be on Sunday, 26th March which is the last day of the school holidays.

Please put this date in your diary and come along anytime between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon.

The February working bee has been cancelled due to lack of numbers. However, don't forget the School Cleanup Day on Friday, March 3rd when some grades will be cleaning up the reserve.

Heather Tytler
(Friends Group Coordinator)

MELBOURNE 2006

QUEENS BATON RELAY

The Queens Baton Relay is arriving on the Mornington Peninsula on Friday, 3rd March. The Baton will travel from Mt Eliza to Sorrento via runner and convoy. All schools, sporting groups and community members are encouraged to support the runners and convoy as they pass through the Peninsula.

The Baton will make 3 stops for photos en-route to Sorrento:

- Mornington Park between 8.49 am and 9.09 am.
- Rye Foreshore (Sand Sculpting Event) at 11.01 am.
- Sorrento Pier – loading ferry at 11.40 am.

If you require any further information see school noticeboard (detailed map on display) or contact Events & Festivals on 5950 1683 (Mornington Peninsula Shire).

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again this year. Due to organisational problems with extending it across the school we are only doing the Challenge in Grades 3 to 6. The children should have brought the note home on Monday. Please make sure that you send the form back ASAP so that we can get all the children registered. Further information can be obtained at www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/vicprc The school feels that this is a worthwhile activity to encourage reading across the school.

Heather Tytler
(Coordinator)

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

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

HASTINGS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM Tuesday 14th to Friday 24th March, 2006

At: Basketball Stadium – Bittern
(Mel. 164 D8) Hendersons Rd
Bittern 3918

Hours: 7.30 am to 6.30 pm

Enrolment Details:

Date: Tuesday 7th March

Time: 2.30 pm to 7.30 pm

At Hastings Shire Office,
Marine Pde, Hastings

Enrolment forms are available from the school office, Mornington Peninsula Shire Office and the Mornington Leisure Centre. For further information please phone Joan Wust (Outside School Hours Co-ordinator) 5950 1641

JOINING the CHORUS (JtC) PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS 2006

JOINING the CHORUS (JtC) is a performing arts initiative of the Department of Education & Training. Following its acclaimed performance at last year's Pacific School Games Opening Ceremony, JtC is holding auditions for dancers, musicians and singers wishing to join its ensembles.

Auditions for the JtC Junior and Senior Melbourne and Regional Dancers, Melbourne Choir, Melb. Male Choir and Melb. Senior and Junior Stage Band will be held in Metropolitan and Regional areas during the week beginning February 13.

Being part of an ensemble gives a student the chance to augment their school-based tuition through first-class tuition from highly skilled and experienced teachers, as well as gain valuable performance experience in a range of situations.



In recent years the JtC ensembles have performed at the Melbourne Cup, Sydney Olympics Torch Relay, a host of Ministerial and departmental events, the Victorian State School Spectaculars and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Pacific School Games.

Each ensemble meets weekly for classes to further develop their skills and work on their performance repertoire. Unlike other similar groups, JtC only charges students a small administrative fee of \$200 pa with a 50% discount available to students whose parents/guardians are eligible for EMA.

Junior Ensembles are open to students from Years 4 to 8 and Senior Ensembles are for students from Years 9 to 12

As audition places are limited, registration is essential.

**For more information or to
register for an audition,
contact JtC on 03 9329 8210.**

AUDITION DATES

Dance Ensembles (Junior and Senior)

Geelong	February 13
Ballarat	February 14
Warragul	February 15
Melbourne	February 18

Melbourne Choir (Junior, Senior & Male)	February 18
Melbourne Stage Band (Junior & Senior)	February 18

2ND HAND UNIFORM REGISTER

Please feel free to call in at the office to view the register at any time. If you have any items that you would like to sell, send a note with your child with details of the uniform articles, price and your contact number and we will list them in the register for you.