



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I can't think how many years it's been since the Easter break wasn't part of the school holidays. That would be back in the days when we had three school terms. The first term holidays were in May and the Easter holidays were sometime in term one. They included Good Friday, Easter Monday and a Bank Holiday on Easter Tuesday (remember Bank Holidays). It was often a last opportunity for families to get away on camping holidays and so on because it was often too cold and wet in May when the term holidays came around. Hopefully many of you are taking the opportunity to get away for some family time and some relaxation.

### Year 6 expo

Yesterday afternoon, I visited the Year 6 classrooms to see their Commonwealth Games International Expo. I saw some fabulous presentations about countries like Scotland, South Africa and Jamaica. I was most impressed by the confidence and depth of knowledge of the presenters and the incredible effort they had put into their displays. The displays are so good that we will keep them for display on open night during Education Week in May. I left with a terrific impression of our year 6 students and a belly full of shortbread, mango smoothie, corn bread and haggis!

### Teddy Bears Picnic

On the Friday after Easter our Preps will be travelling off to Mornington Park for their Teddy Bears Picnic. So if you go into the woods that day, you're sure of a big surprise because they won't be there! They'll be at the park!

### Environment Centre

What a fantastic effort by a small team of volunteers last Saturday developing our environment centre. I won't go on too much here because we have dedicated a whole page to it later in the newsletter. However, I do want to make special note of one or two things. I know Charlene has thanked all of the parents and children involved and I want to support that with my own personal thanks to those community minded people. I do though, want to make special mention of the teachers who came along to help. There is often a great deal of criticism of teachers in the media. They're often a soft target when there is a slow news day. So I think it's worth taking the opportunity to praise the dedication and commitment of the teachers

here at Tyabb and the manner in which they support the school and community more broadly. I also want to mention Charlene Duthie's efforts on all of this. She took over management of the Environment Centre project when she took on the Acting Assistant Principal role. I know that she was a little reticent about it but she has taken on this project with great enthusiasm and gusto and the results are there for the viewing. Well done Charlene.

### Community Water Grant success

We were pleased the other day to get a phone call from our local Federal politician's office. One of his office staff was pleased to tell us that Tyabb PS would be the recipient of \$15,000 as part of the Community Water Grants scheme. Tony Short arranged for the application just prior to leaving last year. The money will fund a project to install a rainwater tank to be fed from classrooms 1 to 8. A water management system will be installed to utilise the collected water for toilet flushing and garden watering, saving us about 180,000 litres of water a year!

### OSHC Accreditation

Huge congratulations to our Out of School Hours Care team who had a wonderfully positive response from the validator in regard to their application for Quality Assurance accreditation. Anyone who has been through the QA grill with a private company will know just what an incredibly complex and time-consuming task it can be. Now apply that to an area as important as child care and you will have some idea of the stress and hours of work that have gone into the accreditation process. A special thank you must go to Deidre Murray, our OSHC coordinator, for her huge contribution and leadership through this process, Chris Mirabella our Business Manager for her support and guidance, especially in developing the required documentation, and to Dianne Dummett and Anna Goss for their tremendous effort in producing and publishing the documentation.

### School Council News

We welcome, as of last Monday evening, a new member of our School Council, Carol Faska. Carol joins us as the final member of Council, taking up the vacant Community Member position. At our previous meeting we welcomed Sharon McKinna (PFA rep) and Sue Darby (Olivers Creek Bushland reserve rep), as new members. The vacant staff member position has been taken up by Sue Shergold. Thanks and congratulations to all

of our new Councillors. They join a highly motivated and co-operative team and we're looking forward to big things this year. The office bearers this year are : President: Tony Gay, Vice President: Grant Campain, Secretary: jointly – Sue Shergold and Carol Howden, Treasurer: Charlene Duthie.

### Briars Environment Week

Wednesday of last week, many of our children heard lots more about how we can help the environment when they travelled to the Briars for Environment Week activities. It's always a jam-packed day and the children invariably return with wonderful ideas for the school and home. Unfortunately the weather was against them and storms made some of the activities more difficult. However, the children didn't seem to notice and had a great day anyway.

### Curriculum Day

Last Friday, most of the staff of the school attended a professional development day called "A framework for understanding poverty". The title of the day may have been somewhat misleading as it dealt more generally with giving us a broader understanding of the complex and often very different contexts that members of our community come from. It highlighted to all of us to have a greater feeling of empathy for these different backgrounds, whether they be socio-economic or cultural, and to ensure that everyone in our community feels welcome in our school.

Have a great Easter break everyone.

*Greg Lacey*, Principal

## FORWARD DATES

### APRIL

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Mnday
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Prep Teddy Bears Picnic
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Olivers Creek Working Bee
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day

### MAY

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Walkathon 9 am – 10.40 am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Stall – 12 noon

### JUNE

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2
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## ROYAL CHILDREN'S

## HOSPITAL

## GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Many, many thanks to those families who donated to the Royal Childrens Hospital Good

Friday Appeal through the school. We raised \$358-20 – a fantastic effort.

### StudentCover

**Student Accident Insurance** is available for \$25 per student per year, or part thereof from EBM Insurance Brokers. The policy is only available by visiting the website [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au) and applying online. Full details are provided and you should read the Product Disclosure Statement before making an application. The school does not make any recommendation in relation to this insurance.

### FITNESS CLUB

### STAFF CARPARK

### MORNINGTON RD

**A reminder to parents - please do not park in the Staff Carpark on Tuesday & Thursday mornings for Fitness Club.**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just to let families know that School photos will be taken on

**Tuesday,  
30<sup>th</sup> May**  
this year.



## LOST

Last week a pink Tamagotchi was lost at school. Would everyone please keep an eye out for it. The Tamagotchi has the serial numbers 72905 and NZ390. If found please return it to the office.

Thank You

### The Sports Arena

#### ANNUAL HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RUN

You may have seen children out running around our oval at various times of the day. They're out pounding the track, getting fit for our Annual House Cross Country Run, being held here at school on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

All children in grades 3 - 6 are training hard in order to complete the running course and help achieve points for their house. Jones (Green) House won last year. Who will it be in 2006????

The District Cross Country Run will be held at the Pt. Leo Beach on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Good luck everyone.

#### SWIMMING PROGRAM

Swimming plays such a prominent part in the lifestyles of so many that learning to swim, survive and rescue in water is really important. The Royal Life Saving Society Program that Somerville Health and Aquatic Centre runs, teaches those life skills of swimming technique, water safety and confidence, survival skills and endurance all whilst having fun! Our Grade 1 & 2 students will start their swimming program on the 12<sup>th</sup> May -19<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. Notices went home today. Please return the relevant forms as soon as possible to help with organising groups.



#### BASKETBALL TEAMS

We have managed to have a relatively smooth start to our Basketball season and now that the fixtures are all sorted out, everyone should have some idea of when and where they are playing. We have 8 teams entered this season and without the support of our coaches and managers, our kids wouldn't be playing! Thanks to Len Collins, Amanda Wittmer, Rhonda Peney, Tracie West, Trudy Hicks, Michael Scott and Kim Griffin. Greg Burch, Tatjana Stanisic, Judith Lane, Peter Wall and Kerrin Horstra. Grant Campain, Denise Gentsch, and Linda Southall. Great job!

#### STATE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Monique Boer who travelled to Bendigo with her family last weekend to compete in the State Tennis Championships on Monday. Although the competition was extremely tough at this level, Monique's team managed to secure a third position overall. What an achievement!!! Well done.

Have a great Easter Break everyone,  
Keep on keeping on,

*Kathie Toft*

bringing them in so we can work out numbers of presents we have on hand. Many thanks to those families who have sent in some lovely things already. Please return the pink reply form if you are able to help out.

Thanking you  
Narelle Harvey  
PFA President

### Out of School Hours Care

We wish you all a safe & Happy Easter. It's great to see an increase in numbers at Before School Care. Curriculum Day was a great success. Our planning and staffing enabled the children to enjoy a fun filled & busy day. The sports games section was a welcome change and was very well managed by Samantha from PlaySports.

The QA Validation was held over 3 days last week and we are very happy with the validator's comments. The report has now gone to NCAC moderator together with the staff, family and children's surveys (thank you) to be considered in conjunction with our Self Study Report. As you can see the decision to accredit a service is not taken lightly. We look forward to positive feedback. Thank you to the office staff who worked many extra hours in producing and printing out our Staff Manual and The Policy and Procedures Manual. These documents are available to you if you wish to read them. Thank you to our Sub-Committee members for their attendance at meetings and support for Quality Assurance and to the staff who follow the procedures, attend Professional Development days and 'make it happen' in a safe caring environment for Tyabb OSHC children.

Let's now have fun in our lead up to the Easter weekend.

Thank you  
Deidre, Marlene and staff.

### PFA NEWS

On Monday our Mother's Day Stall notices went out asking for help or some donated gifts. The PFA is thinking of donated items such as bath bombs, scented candles, sachets of face packs (just from the supermarket), wrapped lollies etc or anything else you clever Mums might think of. If you are able to help with some items then please start

# Help!!

## WE NEED YOU

If you can spare 30 minutes, 3 - 5 times per week, then you can help a child to become a successful reader by volunteering to be a Literacy Assistant as part of our Bridges Program. Bridges is a Literacy Program designed for students who require additional support in the early years of primary schooling. As a volunteer you will be trained and given all the information you need to participate in the program. You will work individually with a child and can arrange the times that best suit you. Helping a child to become a successful reader is a very rewarding experience, and you can play a significant role in this as a Literacy Assistant. If you are interested in participating in the Bridges Program, please contact the school or see Gail Brumley Grade 1 teacher. We look forward to hearing from you.



## **PLAYSPORTS STARTING NEXT WEEK**

PlaySports returns to Tyabb Primary on Tuesday, 18th April for eight weeks of Soccer & Hockey with each session designed for maximum participation and fun. Enrolled children from Prep to Grade 4 are to assemble at 3:30 pm on the asphalt basketball court, with parent pick-up at 4:40 pm. Cost: \$64.00. Late enrolment please phone PlaySports on 9532 5584. Please post enrolment forms and payment direct to PlaySports thank you.

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## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC UPDATE**



There are 2 places in the woodwind program for flute lessons. We have 2 flutes for hire. Please consider your child's interest, commitment and your own financial management. Guitar, keyboard and piano are full. There may be one violin place this semester. Please note your child is committed to the whole semester as it is our commitment to the dedicated instrumental teachers and very high timetable issues. Would anyone have a saxophone (alto) to hire? We could use it for a keen student. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Merran Wyatt

## **The Briars Excursion**

On Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April we went to The Briars. A man taught us about littering and recycling. Then we moved on to electricity. We learnt heaps of stuff. Then we got to plant some plants. I planted five. It was fun. My group went to the tents. We first went into the fireman's tent. It was fascinating! Then we went to the plant tent. We got to take some plants home. Next were the reptiles. I saw a picture of a great white shark and I got to hold a snake, a blue tongue lizard and a shingle back lizard.

By Hari S. 2D

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April grade 2D and 2HM went to The Briars. I got to have a snake around my neck and I got to have a rat on my shoulder. In my group there was me, Hari, Peter and Lachlan. We got to make plants to take home and we got to see a puppet show, but I can't remember what it was called. My mum took a photo of a Tarantula. I saw a blue-ringed octopus and a dolphin skull. In a different tent we saw about 1500 bees and you could hear and smell them. I smelt and heard them. They were going Bzzzzz. They smelt like honey. We got to have a go on a finger touched computer. I got to try a 'Dragon fruit' but I didn't like it. After the Briars, Mum and I went to the beach to look at the waves crashing on the rocks.

By Lachlan W. 2D

# Library

I would like to introduce myself as the new Library teacher at Tyabb. I have worked at Tyabb over the past 5 years in various teaching roles and I am very happy to be back in the Library.

I know I have very big shoes to fill after Heather Tytler who kept the Library immaculate. I look forward to enjoying the love of books with the students and hope that they find their lessons to be fun and educational.

Please feel free to call in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays to borrow or to address any concerns you may have.

Tune in to a good book @ Tyabb Library,  
Maree Duff

## **Special Kisses**

By Natalie G. 2D

At kinder a girl made a box. Her name was Lilly. Lilly brought the box home. She gave it to her dad and shouted "It's for you Daddy". Her dad opened the box, but there was nothing there. Her dad yelled "When you give someone a present there's supposed to be something in it". Lilly burst into tears "But daddy I blew kisses in the box". Her dad said "Oh I'm sorry", and gave her a hug. And for years he kept that box next to his bed. And whenever he was sad he held an imaginary kiss.

## **CHILDREN'S CREATIVE ART CLASSES**

### **QUABARA ART FORMS**

Term 2, 2006

#### **5 - 8 year olds**

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 10<sup>th</sup> June  
9.30 am until 11 am

#### **9 - 12 year olds**

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April - 8<sup>th</sup> June  
4.15 pm until 5.45 pm

After school and weekend art classes designed to develop the child's own creativity, self confidence in their own abilities as well as developing different art skills through use of different art mediums. All art mediums supplied. Classes are small, enabling personalised sensitivity to their needs in a non-competitive environment. Theme for the Term - Beauty in Nature.

For details and information please ring Loyola on 5974 1909

## FROM THE AP'S DESK

### Environment Centre Working Bee

What an exhausting, but fabulous day we had last Saturday when a team of parents, staff and kids turned up at

8:00 am to tackle the environment centre. With the skill provided by our builders, and lots of enthusiasm provided by everyone else, we managed to complete far more of the environment centre than originally planned. Extra garden beds, a water tank stand, a huge table, seats, chook pen and run were all completed. We still need a garden shed, which will be connected to the water tank, and we need a few more additions to the chook pen before it is finished and ready to house our chickens. Our next immediate task however is to get some soil and mulch into the garden beds so that the children can begin their planting. All the families that came along were just great and helped in so many ways. The kids were even given a lesson in paving from our gardener, Sue Collis.

A huge thank you to all of these families and staff for giving up their Saturday – Boer family, Toft family, Peney family, Wittmer family, Cox family, Gigliotti family, Sue Collis, Bronwyn Pike and Josh, Sue Gibson, Sue Shergold, Kathie Toft and Greg Lacey. Also thanks to Mel Seal for her fabulous morning tea – beautifully served on white platters! Very flash for a working bee!

I do need to make a special thank you to Jack Boer. Jack has contacted many local businesses and has arranged for all the materials to be donated. He has also arranged for Bunnings to come out to meet with the children and see the centre as they are also keen to be involved. Thanks Jack. All of your work is really appreciated.

The working bee was a great team effort and an excellent example of all members of the school community

working together for the benefit of the children. If you are in the school make sure you go down to the centre and have a look. I'm sure you will be impressed.

Thanks everyone.  
Charlene Duthie



**Thanks to –  
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providing the timber.  
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Hillview Quarries for  
donating the crushed rock.**