



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I started this newsletter by writing a small piece about parking and pick up problems that have been passed on to me by concerned parents. Once I started though, it became a much bigger issue than a small paragraph and so you will see a more comprehensive piece later in the newsletter. Suffice to say this is a continuing issue and one of great concern to us. I urge all parents to read this carefully and take note of the cautions and advice within.

### ANZAC Day ceremony

I was so very pleased to see so many Tyabb children representing our school and community at the Hastings Cenotaph on ANZAC Day. In each of my six years of attending the ceremony at Hastings, I have seen increasing numbers participating in the commemoration and, most pleasingly, the largest and most noticeable increase has been in the number of young people. I am sure that the parents of our student leaders, School Captains Sarah and Matt, were most proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves in representing our school and laying a wreath as part of the ceremony. I was certainly proud of them, as I was of all the Tyabb children who attended. I must particularly congratulate our very young representatives, some still only in Prep, who behaved extremely well during the lengthy ceremony. I would like to thank all of the Tyabb families who participated. The R&SL members were, I know, touched by the amount of support they received on their important day. It is terrific to see so many young Tyabb students getting involved in the ANZAC Day ceremonies. This year, we marched in the parade for the first time and the children enjoyed joining that aspect of the ceremony. A member of the official color parade made a point of coming up to tell me how wonderfully well the Tyabb students conducted themselves during the ceremony and saying how proud I must have been. I told her that I was indeed proud, not only of the children but of the way the

Tyabb community once again responded. Well done to you all!

### Walkathon

Another big upcoming event is the Walkathon next month during Education Week. All of the children have been given sponsorship forms and I hope they have all been actively seeking out sponsors amongst friends and family. Remember though that, mostly for reasons of safety, we do not want Tyabb children out there door knocking around the local neighbourhood.

### Mothers Day Stall

Following the Walkathon is the PFA's Mothers Day stall, so dads, make sure a few dollars (\$3) are in the pocket of your children next Thursday morning so that they can have the fun of selecting that special little something for mum or grandma or a special someone. *And kids (mums, don't read this bit please I'm whispering to the kids) on Mothers Day on Sunday week, make sure you are extra good all day, make a lovely breakfast in bed for mum, don't burn the toast and clean up your room without being asked.*

### Bittern Market Support

It has become a regular feature of our student leader presentations to welcome Faye Hester from the Bittern Market to the assembly. The Bittern Market is a wonderful supporter of our school and many other local community organisations. Faye presented each of the School Captains and Junior School Council Chairpersons with a scholarship cheque for \$50. She also presented the school with a cheque for \$500. We used that money to send our student leaders to the Young Leaders Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre and to the Leadership Workshop at Toorak College. We thank the Bittern Market for their support and trust that, in turn, the community will support the market.

### Today Show video

Do you watch the Today Show in the morning? Have you seen their "Search for Australia's Super School"? I must admit that I don't watch the Today Show and I haven't seen their competition. However, lots of people have and we all thought that we have such a super

school, we should enter their competition. To enter, you need to present a 60 second video about why your school is a super school. With a very short timeline, we were able to get a video in before the cut off date, which was yesterday so keep an eye out for it! It occurred to me as I was trying to edit the 600 minutes of video into 60 seconds, just how much there is that makes our school a super school! I also realised just how short 60 seconds is!

### 2007 Enrolments

We have begun the 2007 enrolment process already. Here are some key dates for your diary:

**Open Night – Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Group School tours – July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Enrolment Week – July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Prep Information Night – July 10<sup>th</sup>**

There will be organised group tours of the school during the week prior to enrolment week but I am happy to talk to individual families at any time during this term if they wish. If you have a Prep for 2007, call into the office and collect enrolment information. Local Kindergartens will be kept fully informed about enrolment dates and other information.

Have a great week everyone.

*Greg Lacey,*  
Principal

## FORWARD DATES

<b>MAY</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	OSHC meeting at 7.30 pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	PFA meeting at 7.30 pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Walkathon 9 am – 10.40 am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Stall – 12 noon
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Night 6.30 – 7.30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 1 & 2 Swimming Program
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Council meeting 7.30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5 Camp - Beechworth
<b>JUNE</b>	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Music Trivia Night
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Public holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 3 Camp - Somers
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2
<b>JULY</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Term 3
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 4 Camp – Forest Lodge Farm

# Thank you!!

Many thanks to Denise Gentsch for offering to take over the Book Club duties from Sally Baxter. Sally has been co-ordinating the Book Club for 8 years. A fantastic effort and very much appreciated by the staff, students and the Library at Tyabb Primary School. Through Book Club we are able to accumulate bonus points for Library books for our school. Thank you very much Sally and Denise.

## 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.



## UNIFORM – GIRL'S NAVY STOCKINGS

- are available at Angel Tots, Baby & Kidz Shop, 17 Eramosa Rd West, Somerville for \$7-00 (Ka Boosh) – 4 – 6 years and 6 – 8 years while stocks last.

## LOST

Recently a pink Tamagotchi was lost at school. The Tamagotchi has the serial numbers 72905 and NZ390. If found please return it to the office.

Thank You

# 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.



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC UPDATE

There are 3 places in the woodwind program for flute lessons and one vacancy for clarinet lessons with instruments 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 Sports Arena

### ANNUAL HOUSE CROSS

#### COUNTRY RUN

The annual House Cross Country Run is happening next week. The students in Grades 3 - 6 have already started their training in preparation for Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The carnival will take place at school, starting around 9.15 am and finishing by 10.40 am. If you could help out on the day, supervising and encouraging runners around the track, please let me know.

### GR 1 & 2 SWIMMING

#### PROGRAM

Don't forget to return your swimming notice by tomorrow please (whether or not your child is participating) so that final preparations can be made. Swimming for children in Grades 1 & 2 starts on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through till Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Somerville Health and Aquatic Centre.

### DISTRICT TEAM SELECTIONS

Over the past 2 weeks, we have had a number of our talented Grade 5 and 6 students try out in various sports, to be selected to play in a District Team.

#### **Soccer –**

Danielle, Lachlan

#### **Netball -**

Jessica, Darcey, Tayla, Rachel

#### **Basketball -**

Rachel, Riley, Rylan, Sam

#### **Football –**

Nick, Jack, Andrew, Grady, Rylan, Riley

Although the football team hasn't been finalised yet, Rachel, Riley and Sam will be playing basketball on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May and both Danielle and Lachlan will be playing soccer on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. Good luck to you all!!

Have a great week everyone,  
Keep on keeping on,

*Kathie Toft*

## PFA NEWS

The next PFA meeting will be held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the staffroom.

Thank you to all who have donated gifts or products for the Mothers day Stall, if we could have them all in as soon as possible that would be fantastic. Also the Walkathon is only a couple of weeks away so keep those sponsors flowing and don't forget there are great prizes to be won too.

Just a brief intro about the Trivia Night (more will be had when notices come out next month). This year's Trivia Night is a music theme and we have organised new Hosts that have come highly recommended. Please keep Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June free and start organizing your tables of 10 (or we can organise a table for you). It's usually a great night. Lots of fun!!

Narelle Harvey  
PFA President  
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## Out of School Hours Care News

Children at Before School Care are keeping busy and WARM these cold mornings. We welcome newcomers to share a nutritious breakfast and join in our games.

On Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April we enjoyed making and eating ANZAC biscuits.

**WANTED:** Motel soaps and other small soaps and / or cosmetic freebie samples for our Mother's Day plans. Thanks to the office staff who have made lots of contributions.

**DRESS UPS:** are very popular at school care at the moment. Donations of items suitable for the Dress Up box would very much appreciated.

**Nature Table** – we have a mini worm farm on show for a week or two.

**Accounts have been sent out this week. Regular fortnightly payments are expected.**

### **Next Committee Meeting:**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2006 at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Thank you  
Deidre, Marlene and staff.

## Victorian Education Week 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May

At Tyabb Primary School every week is education week and we constantly strive to provide engaging learning experiences for students. During Victorian Education Week there will be a variety of extra special programs happening at Tyabb based around the theme of 'Fantasy'. From monsters to pirates, witches to dragons this theme is sure to inspire the imagination. An exciting focus for the week will be a multi-age learning day on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. On this day students will attend three activity sessions with teachers from other grade levels and learn alongside students of different ages. To coincide with our annual Walkathon on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May there will be a 'Fantasy' theme dress up day. The Mother's Day Stall will also be held on this day from 12.00 noon. On Thursday evening from 6.30 -7.30 pm classrooms will be open for families and friends to come and discover the great programs we have to offer across all grade levels at Tyabb.



favourite  
fantasy/story  
book characters.

Start rummaging through the dress ups for fairy wings or wizard's cloaks and talk with your child about their



# Wanted

600 ml and 1 litre  
soft drink bottles  
with lids please.  
Please take direct to  
Miss Pike's room 3.  
Thank you.

## Parking and Pick Up Practices

(Say that 5 times quickly!)

In response to some information that was passed on to me from a parent, I started to write



**another** short piece for the newsletter about school parking and pick-up practices. It then struck me that I had done this once or twice before in my six years here so I did some research. Did you know that "parking" was an issue in **six newsletters** last year alone? How often do we have to mention this problem before people finally get the message?

### Here are some facts about the situation here at Tyabb:

- 95% of the children who attend Tyabb, arrive by car. Parking will **always** be an issue.
- **The safety of the children is our prime and overriding concern.**
- Parking to the south (nearer the roundabout) of the driveway into the office car

park has always been illegal and is extremely dangerous.

- Parking on the side of the road on the Jones Road hill, even with one wheel on the kerb, is illegal and always has been as it is opposite a solid line.
- Parking opposite the double lines or the solid lines in Mornington Rd is illegal. Even a quick stop to pick up a child is illegal. *(By the way, I know some parents are doing this, with young children what's worse, and I have your registration number. I will have no hesitation in passing this information onto the police if this seriously dangerous practice continues!)*
- We, as a school, have no control over the practices of parents beyond the school gate. All we can do is warn people about illegal and dangerous practices. It is then the role of the police and council by-laws officers to enforce the laws.
- The parking area under the oak tree on Jones Rd has been reduced by two car parks. It is illegal to parallel park in this spot. Some families now use this spot as a drop off zone. This is highly illegal and reduces the line of sight for other motorists.
- As a result of the new paths more students can now ride to school. If students come from the township we ask that they cross Boes Road at the new crossing which is supervised. Crossing at the roundabout is a major concern. Not illegal but not exactly safe.

Following, you will find a few rules and pointers for all to consider. With some of the

practices I see around the place, it sometimes seems to me that there is a tragedy out there just waiting to happen. I have taught in a school which had to deal with the road related death of a student. It is an horrific experience and was particularly so for a young teacher at the time called Tony Short who was called from the school to assist immediately after the accident. Our children are our most precious resource. Let's treat them in that way.

**Slow down! Calm down! Be sensible! Follow the rules!**

**Here are a few rules that will assist with the smooth and safe pick-up of children:**

- Stay calm and be polite. Consider others. We expect it of your children. We ask it of you.
- You must not park and leave your car in the centre lane of the gravel driveway (along the side of the oval) or the asphalt area.
- Parking is not allowed on Mornington Rd opposite the double lines or the solid lines. It is illegal (*and dangerous*) even to pull over and pick up there!
- The asphalt "short term" car park is just a "kiss and drop" area in the morning. Do not stop there and park.
- The asphalt "short term" car park is just a "drive by and pick up area" in the afternoon. Do not stop there and park.
- Move to the front of the drop off zone, even if your children are at the back. They will come to meet you.
- Do not encourage your children to walk down the driveway to meet you.

- During the day, do not park permanently in the "short term" car park.
- Do not park and wait for your children in the centre lane. The flow of traffic must be allowed to continue.
- Turn "left only" out of the Mornington Rd car park.
- Please remind children to be at the pick up area and not playing in the playground.
- If your child is not at the pick up area, please pull forward so that other parents may continue to pick up.
- Do not encourage your children to walk across or through lines of traffic.
- **Never** drive in through the out driveway of the car park – even if it's out of school hours!

**Suggestions:**

- In the afternoon, arrive 10 minutes later and the area is generally clearer.
- Arrange to meet your children in McLaurin Dve (off Jones Rd). This is a safe and convenient alternative.
- Park at the top of the Jones Rd hill and walk down to meet your children.
- Walking to school is a healthy alternative and is safer and easier now that the pathways are completed from Bungower Road and the Tyabb township.

***The car park operates effectively if everyone co-operates. Your urgent appointment is probably no more important than that of someone else.***

**Again:**

**Slow down! Calm down! Be sensible! Follow the rules!**