



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At any spare moment around the school, you will see teachers, head down, beavering over their laptops. It's a pretty safe bet that they're doing reports! They have been working for some time now to produce both comprehensive and easy to understand reports for parents. The format will be altered slightly this year as a result of feedback from 2008 and I am sure that parents will be pleased with the results. Reports will go home early in the last week of term and most interviews will occur on Thursday of that week which is a designated pupil free day. Some teachers with larger grades may be offering interviews on the Wednesday as well. Notices about interview times will come home a week or so before the reports.

### OPEN EVENING

Thanks to all of the families who made it to the Open Evening last Monday. It was great to wander through the classrooms and see so many people, passports in hand, having a first hand look at the classrooms. I must say, the classrooms looked fabulous and I saw lots of kids playing on the new interactive whiteboards. It was terrific to see them all in use and great for parents to see exactly what they are and what they can do. These are cutting edge educational technology and their installation makes us, by far, the best equipped primary school on the Peninsula and probably for a long way round. One particular highlight of the evening was the Skype (video conferencing) session between Susan Childs' classroom here in Tyabb and her old school in England. It was fantastic to be in video contact and great to see Libby Morgan again. It was also fabulous that so many people could share the experience through the projection on the IWB!

### CURIOUS KIDS

What a great sight it was last Monday to walk into the hall and see so many families sitting down playing games together! Who needs TV? The Curious Kids night was a great success and piggy backing onto Open Evening certainly boosted attendances beyond expectations. I hope everyone who attended had a great time. I would like to express my special thanks to

our wonderful Year 6 students who helped out supervising the games. They all said they had fun doing it but I thank them just the same. They were all terrific. Thanks also to Mel Seal who organised the night for the school and did a great job!

### ENROLMENTS 2009

We have begun the process for enrolments for 2009. Already, some parents have been coming to the school to look around and many prospective Tyabb PS families came up on Monday evening. I am sure they liked what they saw! Currently, information is at the kindergartens and child care centres regarding enrolment procedures. Our local cluster of schools has a common enrolment week (July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>) and an ad will be in the paper soon announcing this. In the first week of Term 3, we will be conducting group tours and, in enrolment week, we will have an Information Night on the Monday. We will take enrolments throughout that week. If you have a Prep child for 2009, or know of one, and you would like further information, please contact the school.

### NATIONAL TESTING

National testing (NAPLAN) is now complete. Years 3 and 5 have completed tests in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. We finished off the last few "catch-up" tests this morning. Parents can expect reports late in Term 3.

### AP NEWS

This fortnight, our Acting Assistant Principal is Chris Slater. He is getting a full tasting of the role with a very busy week in the AP office. I would like to sincerely thank Carole Howden for her two weeks in the office. She also received a full initiation into the role and, although enjoying her time in the office, I am sure she was pleased to return to her classroom.

### FOOTSTEPS DISCO

Oh! What a night! The Footsteps Disco was a blazing success once more. It was so terrific to see the children all dancing together and enjoying the music and the social atmosphere. It was also great to see so many parents and a few looked like they were itching to get onto the dance floor themselves. The Footsteps program has been a wonderful success. Thanks to Sharon Wright for all of her enthusiasm

and organisation. Thanks to all the grade teachers who instil their own eagerness for programs like this. It's infectious for the children and clearly a reason why the participation rates are so high. Thanks to Sarah and her team from Footsteps for another engaging and well structured program. Thanks to the PFA for their assistance on Disco night and most of all thanks to the children for your typical zest and involvement, making it all worthwhile!

### SOMERS CAMP

Last week, we welcomed back our four representatives from the Somers Camp. Laura, Rebecca, Rhys and Jack all had a fantastic time and were, of course, great ambassadors for our school. Nine days is a long time away but they managed it beautifully. It was a particularly special camp as it was the last for Camp Principal, Brendan Davern. Brendan has been at the camp for eight years and has implemented many important changes at the camp, especially in regard to the fabulous facilities. Brendan was keen to make the Mornington District camp his last. We wish Brendan all the best in his retirement.

### CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that we have a **Curriculum Day** coming up on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**. On that day, staff will be working with a facilitator to explore our curriculum planning tools and processes and auditing our curriculum provision against the new Victorian Essential Learning Standards. Carole Howden, our Curriculum Coordinator will be leading the day and presenting much of the material that she has collected over the year in her visits to other schools both near and far. It will be a most productive day and an important one in the implementation of our School Strategic Plan.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Another reminder that it's soon School Photo Day. Envelopes and information have been sent home with this newsletter. So, book in for those haircuts and spruce up for this important event on the Tyabb school calendar.

*Greg Lacey*  
Principal

## Mayoral Sustainability Scholarship 2008

In 2005/06, past Mayor Cr Brian Stahl was involved in a highly successful trial to improve the efficiency of the Mayoral vehicle. Through the significant saving made in the use of the electric/hybrid vehicle, the funding was made available to support sustainable achievements in Mornington Peninsula Schools. Current Mayor, Cr Bev Colomb also supports the scholarships and has enjoyed learning about the immense achievements of this year's nominees.

Awards were presented at the 2008 Environment Week held at The Briars.

**The Tyabb Primary School's Green Team was awarded excellence in promoting school and community sustainability**  
Tyabb Primary School is now a Silver Star Waste Wise School and a Five Star Sustainable School. 2007 was a successful year for sustainability at TPS and students continue to promote and monitor waste at the school and in the classroom.

### BELEZA UNIFORM SHOP

Is open on **Monday mornings here at the school from 8.45 am till 9.30 am** in the foyer next to the Music room. If you wish to check on the availability of stock please phone Beleza on 9783 1088.

### FORWARD DATES

| MAY                                 |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> | Gr 1 and 2 Swimming Program  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>             | School Council meeting at 7.30 pm in the staffroom                       |
| JUNE                                |  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>              | School photos – envelopes sent home today for all children.              |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>            | Curriculum Day – No children required at school. OSHC operating all day. |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>              | Public Holiday   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>           | Pupil Free Day<br>Parent / Teacher interviews                            |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>             | Last day of Term 2   |

### Tyabb Primary takes on the Sustainable Living Challenge

It is obvious from the feedback teachers are getting that Tyabb Primary families have a positive attitude to implementing sustainable actions in their everyday life.

All students from Grades 2 to 6 are encouraged to follow up their class lessons on Sustainable Living by taking their family on a visit to [www.dse.vic.gov.au/thesustainables](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/thesustainables)  
Here families are able to acknowledge their achievements and set a goal to work together towards another sustainable action.

Helping to save the planet is not that hard through **The Sustainables Household Challenge**. It's as easy as doing a few simple actions in and around your home and signing up at

[www.dse.vic.gov.au/thesustainables](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/thesustainables).

**The Sustainables Household Challenge** is all about motivating Victorians to live more sustainably in and around their homes. It shows that you don't need to be a superhero to save the planet - making a difference to the environment is about the little things in life.

The ten actions promoted as part of **The Sustainables Household Challenge** are:

1. Take four minute power showers – instead of the average seven minutes.
2. Avoid plastic bags, and take reusable ones shopping.
3. Turn off lights and appliances when you don't need them.
4. Switch to Green Power by calling your electricity retailer.
5. Choose efficient appliances.
6. Put your food and plant scraps in a worm farm or the compost.
7. Avoid unnecessary packaging.
8. Walk, cycle or use public transport – and leave the car at home.
9. Grow plants native to your area.
10. Go chemical free when you clean – and use low salt content soap and detergent.

The Household Challenge is an initiative of Victoria's Environmental Sustainability Framework, which is available at [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au) or by calling 136 186.

Another reputable site is

[www.futurescapes.com.au](http://www.futurescapes.com.au)

(The Gould Group – formerly Gould League)

I would like to document and share some of your great ideas.

Families are asked to email a photo of some sustainable action you are doing e.g. buying an energy efficient appliance, planting a native shrub, collecting shower water, turning off power at the wall. Anything! Add a small caption.

Email to

[selby.jennifer.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:selby.jennifer.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

I hope everyone who attended the Footsteps Disco had a great time. There were lots of happy faces and it was great to see.

Thank you so much to all the mums who helped on the night in the canteen. A BIG thank you to Debbie Taylor and Molly Clarke for staying back and helping me to clean up.

Please don't forget to return the Molly Dene's Pie forms with money by next Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May if you wish to place an order.

Orders will be delivered to the school on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, the day after our Curriculum Day. If you will not be around on that day please make arrangements to have them collected on your behalf.

Thank you  
Carol Faska,  
PFA President

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken at the school on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Photo envelopes have been sent home to all children today. All photo envelopes are individually named. Family photo envelopes may be collected from the office.

**Please return photo envelopes to your child's classroom teacher by Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

## TANTRUMS, ARGUMENTS, NOT SLEEPING, HEADACHES is this what's happening to your child?

SUE DENGATE talks about what food additives and preservatives are doing to our children's health and behaviour - visit [www.fedup.com.au](http://www.fedup.com.au)

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May from 7 – 9 pm at the Peninsula Community Theatre , Mornington.**

## THE SPORTS ARENA

### DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RUN

It was a cold start to the District Cross Country this year. In fact, it actually rained at times but the dampness didn't hinder our Tyabb team as they lined up on the start line at Pt Leo. Everyone ran with such determination and spirit, including 3 emergencies, Darcy McCarthy, Ryan Toft and Amber Knapp, who were asked to compete at the last moment. It was great to hear all the support and encouragement that our team gave each other, enough to push them that little bit harder and get them through those hard patches. Well done and congratulations to our team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall to Balnarring P.S. Special congratulations to Chris Harris and Kaila Paarlberg who both won their events and will now go on to represent the Hastings District at the Mornington Racecourse later in June, together with 9 other Tyabb students – Natalie (3<sup>rd</sup>) Lillian (5<sup>th</sup>) Molly (9<sup>th</sup>) Rebecca (10<sup>th</sup>) Ellie (8<sup>th</sup>) Ebony (9<sup>th</sup>) Aidan (5<sup>th</sup>) Matthew (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Jeremiah (8<sup>th</sup>). What an effort!!!

Other successes were achieved by--

#### 10 years & under team –

Erin (14<sup>th</sup>) Elysha (18<sup>th</sup>) Maddy (34<sup>th</sup>) Natalie (45<sup>th</sup>) Kathleen (50<sup>th</sup>) Bethanie (65<sup>th</sup>) Chloe (72<sup>nd</sup>) Darcy (12<sup>th</sup>) Heath (17<sup>th</sup>) Scott (24<sup>th</sup>) Tom (34<sup>th</sup>) Lachlan (38<sup>th</sup>) Bradley (50<sup>th</sup>) Dylan (65<sup>th</sup>) Riley (76<sup>th</sup>) Leigh (79<sup>th</sup>) Callum (80<sup>th</sup>) Ned (91<sup>st</sup>). Both 10yr old races had nearly 120 competitors!!!

**11 Year old Team** - Sarah (12<sup>th</sup>) Amber (22<sup>nd</sup>) Jake (16<sup>th</sup>) Zac (26<sup>th</sup>) Darcy (31<sup>st</sup>).

**12 Year old Team** - Melissa (13<sup>th</sup>) Charlotte (19<sup>th</sup>) Simone (21<sup>st</sup>) Jesse (24<sup>th</sup>) Scott (20<sup>th</sup>) Bradie (24<sup>th</sup>) Ryan (34<sup>th</sup>).

There were up to 60 competitors in both 11 and 12 year races. What an achievement everyone!!!

Keep on keeping on,  
*Kathie Toft*

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OSHC Café continues to be very busy. Children really enjoy the morning session.

We have a couple of 'OLD' new games which have been welcomed. We seem to have a birthday or two to celebrate each week – adds to the fun!

### WANTED FOR CRAFT ACTIVITY

If you have any unwanted men's ties at home we would appreciate donations to the OSHC Program for a craft activity.

### CURRICULUM DAY

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 – a fun day. Activities are still in the planning stage at the moment. Booking forms (yellow) have been sent home today to all families.

### BOOKINGS

Remember to book in whenever possible as we are often close to the maximum.

### CANCELLATIONS

It is important to let us know if your child/children will not be attending a session.

### ACCOUNTS

Accounts are sent out fortnightly and regular payment is expected.

Welcome to the team Jake. Good to see you on Tuesdays.

*Deidre, Marlene,  
Jeannie and Sharron*

## BASKETBALL RESULTS

**-Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

### Gr 3/4 Competition

Tyabb Tigers defeated the Bittern Boomers 28 to 12. A great start to the game with the Tigers showing excellent defence in the key. I think they did get a bit tired at the end of the game, however, a pleasure to watch and a very fast game.

Best and fairest award for the Tigers was won by Aaron Whitford. The competition is becoming fierce, but a great game Aaron (There were other contenders!)

### Grade 5/6 Competition

Tyabb Wildcats had a bye this week.

**This week they play Somers Scorpions at 12.45 pm on Court 1.**

Kaye Knapp

## MUSIC NEWS

### CHORAL FESTIVAL

Our school choir is performing in a choral festival at Red Hill Primary School on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

A notice and permission envelope for all choir members has been sent home today. Cost of the excursion is \$7.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June.

All students learning an instrument are invited to participate. A notice will follow shortly.

### OPEN AUDITIONS

Do you have the talent to sing or perform your specialty act in front of 8,500 people, centre stage at Vodafone Arena in September? Do you want to shine in Victoria's largest performance event?

Victorian government school students are invited to audition for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular 2008.

Open auditions for solo vocalists and specialty acts are being held on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Contact JOINING THE CHORUS on 9637 3906 to register and find out more.

## Curious Kids

What a great night was had by everyone who attended. A big thank you to the Grade 6 students who helped out. You did a fantastic job! For those families who have placed orders, they should be delivered by the Queen's Birthday long weekend. If you still want to place orders, you can do so by placing them either through the Curious Kids website or you can see Mel Seal in Room 3.