

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was terrific to hear last week that the Victorian Government had advised that schools would begin a phased return to on-site schooling. I am sure that this was exciting news for our children who have worked hard during their period of remote learning but missed their friends and teachers. I am sure there were also some very relieved parents who, even though doing an amazing job of supporting their children at home will be quite glad to hand this role back to the class teacher. It will be terrific to see the smiling faces of students again in our classrooms and playgrounds as our staff have really missed them all. Thank you to the whole school community for your efforts. You have all done such an amazing job and we are extremely grateful for your support and encouragement during this difficult time.

As I have said in my previous correspondence, we are all glad to be coming back but need to be slow and cautious in our approach and have safety measures in place to protect the students and staff at our school. The virus still exists and to stop its spread and ensure that schools stay open we must abide by a few changes. Please know that changes such as these are being implemented across all schools in the state from the advice given by the State Government and Education Department.

The main changes to highlight include:

- Monday 25th May will be a pupil-free day (no students in attendance and no remote learning).
- Tuesday 26th May students in prep, one and two will return to school. They will start at 9am (doors opening at 8.50am) and be dismissed at 3.15pm.
- We will be staggering pick up times from Tuesday 26th May. **All students that are in the junior school, years prep, one and two will be dismissed at 3.15pm.** Siblings of these students may also leave at this early time unless attending after school care.
- All remaining students in years 3- 6 will be dismissed at 3.30pm when they return on Tuesday 9th June.
- Whilst our school start time remains the same, we will allow an additional 10 minutes for students to gradually arrive before marking them late. (First bell and doors open at 8.50am, school begins at 9.00am with a further 10 minutes to allow for increased traffic and congestion).
- Students arriving prior to 9.10am can be dropped off and are permitted to walk straight to class without entering the office and receiving a late pass. After this

time students may be dropped off but will be required to report to the office on arrival.

- **Visitors to school grounds will be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services. Parents will be required to drop off and pick up outside of the school boundary. Junior school teachers will be at the front gate and drive through to greet and support students on arrival for the first couple of days.**
- Activities dependent on and involving parents, such as parent helpers in the classroom are cancelled.
- Parents who wish to speak to a teacher should arrange for this via email. For further inquiries please contact the office.
- We ask parents/carers to observe physical distancing measures during drop off and pick up times.
- We encourage all parents to use the drive through, as this is the safest option.
- Parents who park at the front of the school should remain in their cars and ask their children to be watching carefully for their arrival.
- We ask that parents follow the new staggered school times to reduce the congestion of the drive through and congregation at the school gate.
- All students will undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, before and after going out to play, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. This will be directed and supervised by staff who have been provided with a supply of hand sanitizer and soap.

We appreciate that some of these requirements will be an inconvenience but hope you will understand that these will help to stop the spread of the virus and protect all members of our school community. Teachers also know that many students will be anxious as they settle back in to school and will be focused on their emotional wellbeing—providing extra support when needed. By following these measures we will hopefully be back to a normal school day sooner rather than later.

### CANCELLATIONS FOR TERM 2

- All assemblies - cancelled until further notice
- All interschool sporting events - cancelled
- Curriculum day booked for May 29<sup>th</sup> - cancelled
- Prep tours and information night - cancelled
- Canteen and end of term sausage sizzle – cancelled

There is a strong possibility that some events may be postponed or cancelled during term 3. We have made a decision to cancel the pupil free day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (first week of term 3) as student will not have had the time to prepare for student led conferences.

## ITEMS TO BRING BACK FIRST DAY

- All children are asked to bring a drink bottle with water only. Drink taps will not be available
- Children should bring back any readers, books and pencil cases taken home in the blue bags last term.
- All ICT equipment (laptops and ipads) that have been borrowed should be returned with your children. These will be needed at school.

## ENROLMENTS

As you will understand, school tours have been postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. In the meantime we are still taking enrolments and really need to know how many siblings will be starting at our school in 2021. We need this information to be able to calculate how many additional places we will have for new enrolments.

To support us with this, our enrolment packs and forms are now available from the office. If you are driving past please pick up a pack and return the completed enrolment form, birth certificate, immunisation record and coloured permission forms as soon as possible. Our office is still open between 8.30 and 4.30pm.

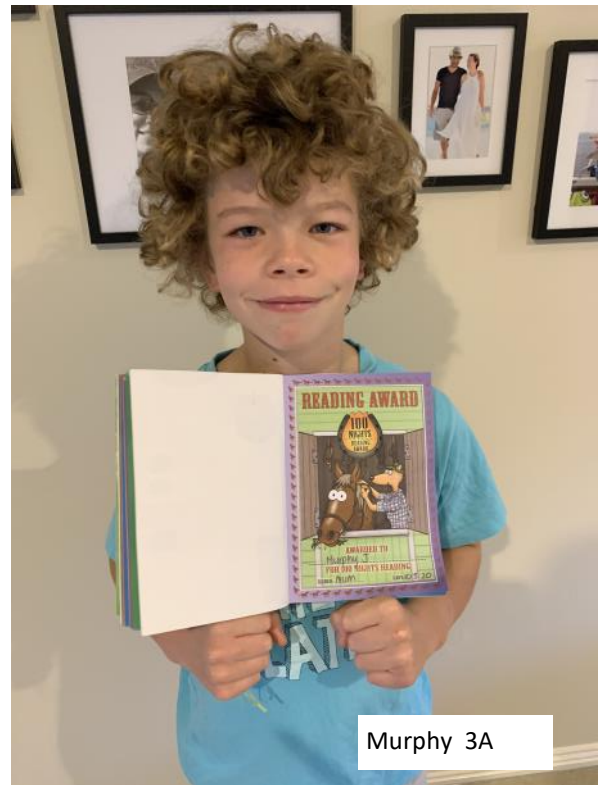
If you are unable to pick up a pack, please contact the office on 5977 4584 and we will send a pack home with your child when they return to school.

## READING

During this period of time we appreciate that not all children will have managed to maintain their home reading routine but would like to acknowledge those that have.

**Congratulation to any students that have reached 100 nights of reading. We look forward to presenting you with your certificate when you return to school in the next few weeks!!**

Unfortunately when we return we will not be able to start with the borrowing of readers. Recommendations are that where possible we must limit the sharing of equipment. We will still encourage children to read their own material at home or access Reading Eggs and Whushka which both hold a wide variety of reading material. We will lift this precautionary measure as soon as advised to do so.



Murphy 3A



Emeline 1A

## Return To School

Lots of emotions are flowing through us all at the moment! It is very exciting to know school is beginning to return to normal, but it is also an anxious time for staff, parents and in particular our students. Below are a list of emotions that will be felt at the thought of returning to school:

**excited happy anxious nervous**  
**enthusiastic optimistic delighted**  
**glad pleased relaxed secure**  
**strong brave assured prepared**  
**worried unsure suspicious ecstatic**

Unfortunately anxiety may be one of the major emotions felt by both parents and students. As per department guidelines, parents are not to enter the school property when students return on 26<sup>th</sup> May (and 9<sup>th</sup> June for years 3 – 6). This will be very challenging for everyone but I want to reassure families that the staff at Tyabb PS have planned to be out in the school yard, ready and waiting for their students to arrive. We are really looking forward to the smiley faces we will see.

School will still look the same, with the only major change children will see when entering the grounds is that the drink taps will be taped off. It is very important that your child/ren bring a drink bottle with them.

For many children the return to school will be a delightful experience. It will mean reconnecting with friends and school teachers and they will race out the front door ready to get back to normal. This however won't be everyone's experience. The return to school is likely to stir up some anxiety for some of our children, ourselves and our teachers. Emerging from the sanctuary of our homes and back out into public spaces is likely to be a little confronting.

### Some behaviours that you may see in your child could include:

- ◆ Reluctance or refusal to go to school
- ◆ Increased clinginess in the morning
- ◆ Increased tearfulness
- ◆ Poor sleeps on nights before school
- ◆ Temper tantrums on school mornings
- ◆ Feeling sick – especially stomach aches, headaches and any other ache related to muscle tension (sore legs, jaws etc)

- ◆ Hide under bed covers
- ◆ Refuse to move
- ◆ Beg or plead not to go
- ◆ Complain of aches, pains and illness before school, which generally get better if you let your child stay at home
- ◆ Show high levels of anxiety

### Some strategies to try if your child displays one or more of these behaviours:

- ◆ Start your normal morning routine a week before school starts back
- ◆ Start using language such as “when you go to school” rather than “if you go to school”
- ◆ Use visual aids such as calendars to count down to school starting
- ◆ If you know what changes will be implemented at school discuss these with your child. For example, you'll be doing lots of hand washing, your teacher will still be using the hand sanitiser

### School Refusal

School refusal is usually very challenging, but there are some practical things you can do at home to encourage your child to go to school.

### When you're talking to your child:

- ◆ Show your child that you understand. For example, you could say, “I can see you're worried about going to school. I know it's hard, but you need to go. Your teacher and I will help you.”
- ◆ Use clear, calm statements to let your child know that you expect them to go to school. Say “when” rather than “if”. For example, you can say, “When you're at school tomorrow...” instead of “If you make it to school tomorrow....”
- ◆ Show that you believe your child can go to school by saying positive and encouraging things. For example, “You're showing how brave you are by going to school.” This will build your child's self-confidence.
- ◆ Use direct statements that don't give your child the chance to say “No!” For example, “It's time to get out of bed” or “Jo, please get up and into the shower.”
- ◆ Talk about what needs to happen to help your child feel safe and comfortable at school. Use a problem-solving approach. That is, help your child work out what the problem is, brainstorm solutions, and choose a solution to put into action.



## When you're at home with your child:

- ◆ Stay calm. If your child sees that you're worried, stressed or frustrated, it can make your child's anxiety worse. And by staying calm, you model a positive way of handling the solution.
- ◆ Plan for a calm start to the day by establishing morning and evening routines. For example, get uniforms, lunches and school bags ready the night before, and get your child to have a shower or bath in the evening
- ◆ Make your home 'boring' during school hours so that you don't accidentally reward your child for not going to school. This means little or no TV, video games, leisure activities, internet use and so on
- ◆ Help your child to stick to a reasonable sleep and wake cycle. It's very hard to help your child get to school if they are sleepy during the day and awake at night

## Getting to school

- ◆ Get someone else to drop your child at school. Children often cope better with separation at home rather than at the school gate
- ◆ When your child goes to school, praise them by describing what they might be feeling. You could say, "I know this is very hard, and I'm proud of you for trying."
- ◆ Reward your child for going to school. This could be some special time with you or your partner, or stopping on the way home at the playground. Make sure the reward is on the same day and your child knows what it's for

## Working with the school on school refusal

You can help your child start back at school – and keep going to school – by communicating and working with school staff.

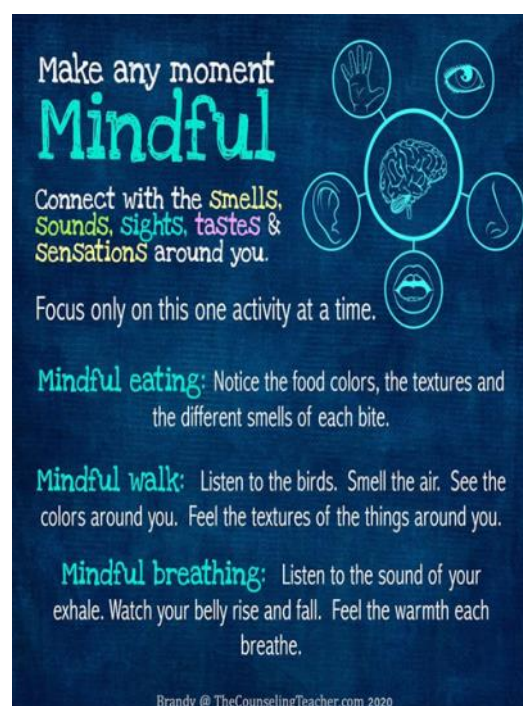
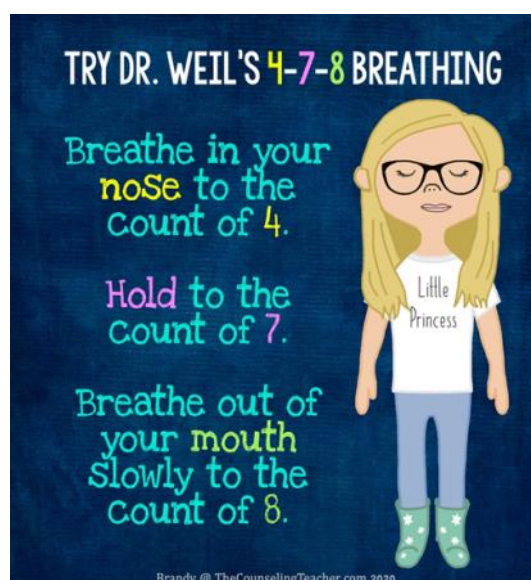
- ◆ Talk to your child's teacher or the welfare co ordinator for ideas and advice. Teachers have lots of experience with children who refuse to attend.
- ◆ Ask the teacher or welfare co ordinator to refer you and your child to other support staff

## Looking after yourself

If your child is going through school refusal, it can be hard on you and the whole family. If you can find ways to look after yourself, you'll be better able to look after your child.

- ◆ Look after yourself with enough rest, some physical activity, a healthy diet and some time to yourself. If you're feel well and relaxed, you'll be in better shape to help your child – and cope with any frustration you're feeling
- ◆ Remind yourself that school refusal is a challenge for families. Stick with your efforts to get your child to go. Keep in mind how important it is for your child to go to school.

Below are some suggestions from Liz (ER Psychology) our counsellor who visits the school on a regular basis:



# Studies of Asia

Congratulations to all the students who completed their endangered animal projects. Thank you for sharing. When we return to school bring your projects in so I can display your amazing work. Bu Day



Grace 4B



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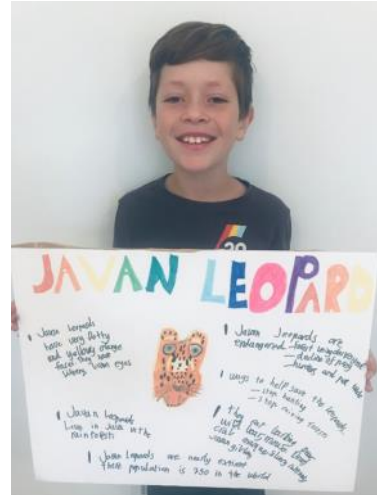
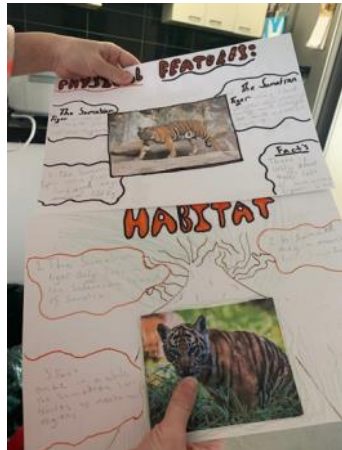


## Studies of Asia



Millie 4A

Ollie 3B



## SUMATRAN ELEPHANTS



WRITTEN BY INDIANA BREW

## WHAT THEY EAT

THE SUMATRAN ELEPHANT EATS, PLANTS, GRASS, LEAVES, SHOOTS, BARK, FRUITS, NUTS AND SEEDS.



## EXTRA FACTS

1. THEY LIVE FOR ABOUT 55-70 YEARS.
2. THEY SLEEP TWICE A DAY, AT MIDNIGHT, AND AT DAYLIGHT.
3. FEMALE SUMATRAN ELEPHANTS DON'T USUALLY HAVE TUSKS, IF THEY DO THEY ARE VERY SMALL.
4. ELEPHANTS WEEP, CRY AND LAUGH JUST LIKE US AS HUMANS.

Indiana 4A

## HOW CAN YOU HELP

RAISING AWARENESS, STOP DESTROYING THEIR HOME. IF YOU GO TO A MARKET AND SEE ILLEGAL IVORY REPORT IT ASAP. DONATE TO WWF OR ANY CHARITY THAT SUPPORTS THEM. YOU COULD ALSO ADOPT ONE OF THESE CUTE LITTLE THINGS.



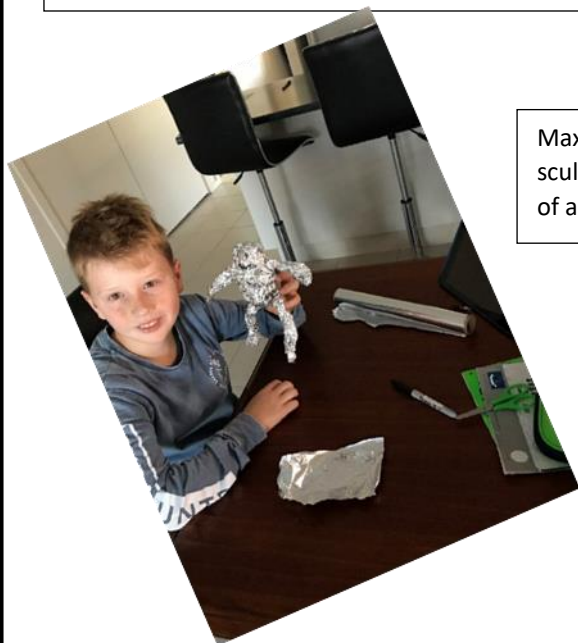


# Remote Learning

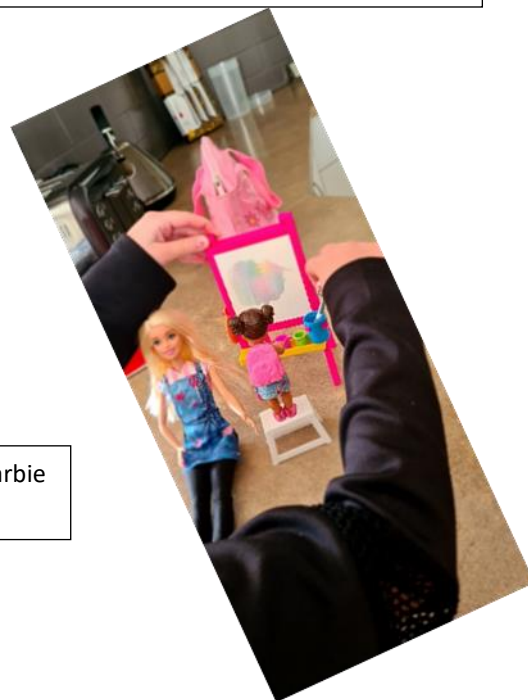




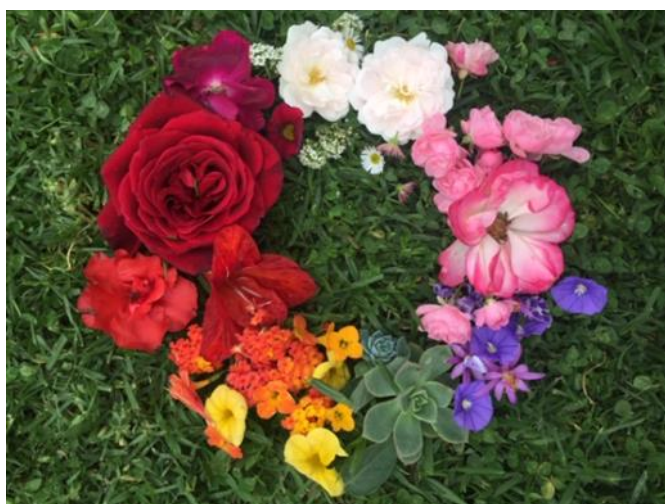
## Art and artists at home



Max's awesome tin foil sculpture. It reminds me of an astronaut.



Jessica has turned Barbie into an art teacher!



Shelbi created an absolutely stunning nature colour wheel.



Alana has been busy drawing. I think she needs to add a cat!



Bethany has created a tinfoil sculpture. Her name is "Vanessa" and she is dressed up ready for a party.





Spencer and Murphy created some fabulous aluminium foil sculptures. They let their mum join in too.



Evie has been doing some beautiful photography. Her little brother Max features in a couple of the photos.





Some of the children attending classes at school recently worked on a monster from the suggested activities. We watched some monster stories and then got busy with paper. They also created a biography for their monster and described what they liked and ate, where they lived and gave them a name. What are you making at home???





Blow out the candles,  
wish away,  
you are the  
superstar of the day.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## May

### PREP

Judd  
Owen  
Samuel  
Eden  
Otis  
Alice  
Riley

### GRADE ONE

Rinoa  
Ella  
Billie  
Chloe  
Mason  
Aaliyah  
Mackenzie

### GRADE TWO

Gracie  
Jenny  
Isabelle  
Isaac

### GRADE THREE

Steel  
Oliver  
Belle  
Alarah

### GRADE FOUR

Bella  
Tyson  
Kayla  
Indianna  
Sienna  
Merrick  
Xavier

### GRADE FIVE

Thijs  
Bella  
Tye  
Millie

### GRADE SIX

Zara  
Elektra  
Grace  
Shyla  
Xander  
Callum  
Benny  
Ella  
Ruby  
Jonas

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## June

### PREP

Alyssa  
Matilda

### GRADE ONE

Blake  
Ruthie  
Lola

### GRADE TWO

Tahni  
Faith

### GRADE THREE

Henry  
Tate  
Grace  
Peyton  
Balin

### GRADE FOUR

Milla  
Charli  
Olivia  
Charlie  
Khai

### GRADE FIVE

Aylah

### GRADE SIX

Rori  
Jackson



# Community News



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## Transition Update

Dear Grade 6 Families,

We thank you for your patience and support during these unprecedented circumstances. We understand the importance around a seamless transition into secondary college and therefore we have moved to a remote transition package for this term. In supporting our passion for 21st Century education, we are excited to launch our pilot 2021 Laptop Program. This will mean that every Year 7 WPSC student will be supported with a College Laptop.

### YEAR 7 ENROLMENT APPLICATION

Applications for Year 7 enrolment for 2021 have been extended to Friday 29 May 2020 due to COVID-19. Parents will need to return their preference form to their primary school by this date. Primary schools are in the process of distributing these forms to Grade 6 families. The form can also be found via the DET website.

### YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS AND SELECT ENTRY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Application forms can be downloaded via our College website and supplied link. Applications are due close of business Monday 25th May. Completed forms can be mailed to the College, handed into our Front Office or sent digitally to our College email address: [western.port.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:western.port.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### Q & A WITH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL, CHRIS QUINN

Our College Principal, Chris Quinn will be answering your questions in a recorded video uploaded to all Primary Schools and our College social media pages. If you have a question you would like answered for this virtual Q&A, please access the Google Form in the link provided. All queries to be submitted by Friday 8th May.

### PERSONALISED 1:1 ONLINE MEETINGS

Our Year 7 Transition Team are also running personalised 15 minute meet and greets with prospective families via Webex. This is a great opportunity to touch base with our team, put a face to the name and clarify any queries you have about Year 7 at WPSC. Access the link provided or visit our College Website.

<https://westportsc.vic.edu.au/>



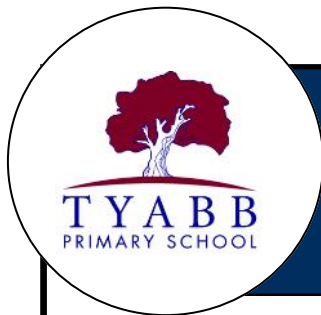
## Do you have a child in Grade 5?

If you would like them to attend Padua College from Year 7 in 2022, enrol online before Friday 15 May.

[Click here to apply](#)

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# Community News



13/05/2020

Dear School Community,

Following the Victorian government's recent announcements regarding a return to on-campus learning, we have chosen to return to regular trading hours across our retail stores. Please note that as of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May, your local Beleza School Uniforms store will be open at the following times:

Beleza Somerville

- Weekdays (except Thursday) from 10am to 5pm
- Saturday from 10am to 1pm

While we are returning to regular hours, we will be continuing to operate with appropriate safety measures in place to ensure that social distancing guidelines are met. We would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation in response to the changes that have been made over the previous weeks, and look forward to helping students prepare for their return to school.

Thank you, and stay safe,  
Beleza School Uniforms

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- ✓ Case management services for individuals and families
- ✓ Referrals to further supports in the community

No access to a phone? WPCS can provide you with a Telstra public phone card and instructions about how to contact our service. The cards are available from our office: Reception B, 185 High Street, Hastings

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### Split System Aircons

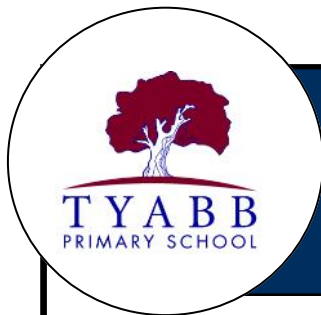
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## School Banking - every Tuesday (Bendigo Bank Piggy Saver)

Please remember to bring your school banking into school on Tuesdays.

Parents wanting to open up an account for their child can attend the Bendigo Bank Hastings branch at 88 High St Hastings .

Please bring you child's Birth Certificate and Medicare Card along with you.

Thank you

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