

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the 2021 School Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and school holidays and are recharged ready for another year. After the year we have all had we are super excited to be physically back and hoping for a year of face to face teaching with our wonderful students.

In the last couple of weeks teachers have been preparing for the new year - planning their program and organising and decorating their classrooms to engage your children as they walk through the door on their first day. It was terrific to see our students bounce in with such enthusiasm and settle beautifully in to the routine of being back at school. Kris Grinsted (Assistant Principal) and I have walked through classrooms several times and commented on the calm atmosphere, smiling faces and beautiful manners. What a great start!

It was lovely to see our new preps arrive on Monday dressed smartly in their new uniform and shoes and feeling both a little nervous and excited. I would like to take this opportunity to send out a special welcome to our new prep students and their families and wish them many happy years ahead with us. All of the prep grades came to visit my office this week as they toured the school with beaming smiles that showed their excitement for school. They have settled in beautifully and should be very proud of themselves.



I would also like to welcome our other new students and their families. Welcome to:

- Isabelle in grade 1
- Hjordis, Freya, Addi and Chad in grade 3
- Ellora, Ella and Savannah in grade 4
- Rain in grade 5
- Blake in grade 6

I am sure the whole school community joins me in welcoming you all to our fabulous school and I trust that your time with us will be positive and enjoyable.

## NEW STAFF

We are pleased to announce that we have had three new classroom teachers start this year, Carly Chatfield who will be one of our prep teachers, Rutger Jonker who will be in grade 6A and Karina Bartlett who will be taking 3C. We welcome these new members to our staff and school community and look forward to working together to provide the best education and support for our children.



We also welcome Vanessa Albanese to our school as an Education Support Staff Member.



## COVID UPDATE

It is pleasing to be able to note that Covid cases in Victoria and throughout Australia remain low. Restrictions have been reduced (though masks must be worn indoors again) and our lives are slowly returning to some normality though with continued Covid safety measures. We are really hoping that the 2021 school year will be more predictable and that the school program can be conducted completely face to face. To ensure that this occurs we will continue to abide by current restrictions and follow the health advice and guidelines set by the Department of Education. These include the following:

- Students should stay at home if unwell and be tested if symptoms exist.
- Students will still be asked to perform regular hand hygiene, regularly washing hands and using hand sanitiser. We also recommend that students bring their own drink bottles.
- Whilst there is no requirement to limit the number or type of visitors to school premises, the density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres still applies to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students. Due to the size of our school and number of students/parents, this will continue to impact some of the following activities:
  - We are unable to allow parents to come in to classrooms with students.

- Parents are unable to attend assemblies (unless small numbers are invited for a particular purpose)
- There are limits to the number of adults permitted in the office foyer so where possible please contact the school via phone or email.
- Parents are now allowed on the school site before and after school but must not arrive too early as it is a requirement that schools record the details of all staff, students and parents who attend on-site for more than 15 minutes. Density rules also apply and parents must socially distance. If we have issues in regards to maintaining these safety requirements we will revert back to parents dropping off and picking up at the school gate.
- Many children grew in confidence and independence by being dropped off and picked up at the school gate or a pre-arranged pick up point. It may benefit your child to continue with this routine and arrangement for the new school year.
- Face masks must now be worn indoors and are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained outside.

We will continue to provide you with further updates as they occur. Please do not hesitate to contact your child/children's teacher via email if you have any further questions or contact the office on 5977 4584.

## NEWSLETTER IS PAPERLESS!

Just a reminder that our newsletter is paperless and can be accessed in the following ways:

- On our website [www.tyabbps.vic.edu.au](http://www.tyabbps.vic.edu.au)
- Via Flexischools Please install this APP



### Communication through Flexischools App

Our school has now introduced a great new app called Flexischools. **This will be our main communication platform.** The school will send notifications to parents to keep you updated.

Flexischools allows you to get information from the school in a matter of seconds, at any time of the day.

**Download the Flexischools App** Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notifications.

### Add your School and Group

Click on the search icon, enter your school name, select your school and year group, or groups relevant to you.

### Login/Register

Click the '**Order now**' button located in the bottom right-hand corner of the app, this will open a login screen.

**Already a Flexischools user** - Enter your details and login. To save your login details select 'remember me'.

**New Flexischools user** - Click 'Register', enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add new student; search for your school, enter student details and select their class.

The Flexischools system is now available and ready to use.

## PARENT/TEACHER MEET AND GREET

We can not emphasise enough the importance of the partnership and positive relationship between school and home. Our beginning of year parent/teacher interviews will take place after school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February. These are a 'meet and greet' session and are an opportunity to meet your child/children's teacher, build that important partnership between school and home and exchange any background information that may assist teachers at the start of the year.

A note has been emailed home explaining the online booking process and code. Please contact the office if you did not receive this and would like to book a time.

Whilst optional we do recommend that you take this opportunity to start this important parent /teacher partnership by meeting your child's teacher on this night. Students are not expected to attend these interviews as it is an information session between parents and teachers.

## 2021 VICTORIA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES

## CURRICULUM DAYS (PUPIL FREE )

Each year schools receive student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting. Schools have the flexibility to set the remaining days each year to meet school needs. We have already had our first two curriculum days for 2021 on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January. Our remaining pupil free curriculum days are on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March (day after Labour Day)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Assessment & Reporting

We will also hold student led conferences on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** with students and parents only attending for their 20 minute conference. Evening sessions are provided for parents who are unable to attend during the day.

We will provide further information in regards to student led conferences as the date approaches but please mark this into your diary as students only attend for the interview.

Period	Start	Finish	Length
Term 1	Thursday, 28 January 2021 <small>Please note that this is a curriculum day and students from 1-6 begin Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January</small>	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	9 weeks
School Holidays	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	
Term 2	Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
Term 3	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021	
Term 4	Monday, 4 October 2021	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	11 weeks
2021/2022 Summer School Holidays	Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	

# School Council Election 2021 - Information for Parents

## What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

## Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

## What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

## Remember

Ask for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

**Please contact the principal for further information if required.**

## BELL TIMES:

Students are asked to arrive at school for an 8.50am bell. This first bell is a signal for teachers and students to enter their classrooms and prepare for the day (changing readers, handing in notices, taking down chairs etc) so they are ready to begin instruction time at 9.00am. It is important to note that there is a teacher on yard duty from 8.45am. Students are not supervised outside prior to this time and should be dropped off close to this time. We ask that parents make arrangements for their children or use the before and after school service Camp Australia if they can not work to these times. We should not see any students in the yard prior to 8.30am as they should be in before school care where they are properly supervised. The final school bell rings at 3.30pm with teachers on duty until 3.50pm. Students still in our grounds after this 3.50pm bell will be taken to the office and parents contacted. We ask that you make every effort to pick up your child between 3.30pm and 3.50pm.

## ANAPHYLAXIS:

It is important to note that we have many children at Tyabb Primary School who have anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. These children are severely allergic to the following foods – nuts (including peanut butter and nutella), eggs (raw and boiled), tuna, food colourings and cow's milk.

We have asked that the children in these grades and the grades next door avoid bringing these foods to school as the smallest trace can trigger a severe, life threatening reaction requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. We understand that this can limit the lunch choices for other children in these grades but know you will appreciate how special children are and that protecting their health should be a priority.

## HATS:

Tyabb Primary School is a 'Sunsmart' school. It is compulsory for all children to wear hats when outside until the end of April. Please ensure that your child has an official school hat that is a broad-brimmed Trigger hat. Baseball caps or fashion hats do not properly protect the children from the sun and are not acceptable. Children who do not have hats will be asked to stay in a set undercover area and after repeated occasions a reminder note will be sent home. It is important to label this hat with your child's name so it can be returned when it is left outside.

## UNIFORM:

It has been terrific to see our students start the school year dressed smartly and wearing the correct school uniform. We thank parents and students for making a real effort to follow our school uniform policy and maintain a real sense of pride. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Tyabb Primary School. We continue to ask that students wear the correct school shoes (black or white school shoes or runners) and **do not** wear brightly coloured or fluoro shoes, fluoro laces, and fashion shoes. Thank you for your support with this.

## DISABLED PARKING:

We currently have two parking spots at the front of our school designated for disabled parking. These are clearly marked with both a painted symbol and sign. A disabled parking space can only be used by someone who has been issued with a blue / white disabled parking permit displayed prominently in the vehicle. Parking in these spaces without a permit is illegal and can lead to an on the spot fine. We appreciate that parking spots are limited at our school but need to ask that you be considerate of our parents and visitors with disabilities that limit their access in to our school.



## QUICK PICK UP ZONE



Parents and visitors are only permitted to park for 5 minutes between 3.30pm and 4.00pm and are encouraged to wait in their cars for children to come to them. We understand that parents with younger children may want to leave the vehicle to support their child and this is permitted for the 5 minute period. Parents and visitors will not be permitted to leave cars at the front of the school during

this 30 minute period, blocking valuable spaces during these busy times. **ALL** spaces must be free and available for the quick pick up of children.

To assist with this change, children will be instructed to go straight to the 'Quick Pickup' zone and watch and wait for parents. There will be no playing at this time as children are expected to watch for parents pulling in and go straight to the car. We ask that parents reinforce these instructions to their children.

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

I consider Tyabb Primary School to be an extremely safe and secure environment but when young children are out playing or even during a supervised activity they can have accidents. We have in place strict guidelines as to how activities are conducted and document all possible risks. The best laid plans can always go astray with unforeseen or unavoidable events.

The Department of Education does not cover children for medical and accident insurance. In the event of a serious accident staff are instructed to take all reasonable action to ensure the welfare of students. This includes the calling of an ambulance. The cost for an ambulance can be considerable, ranging from \$600 - \$3000. This cost is not compensated by the school and it is the legal responsibility of guardians to make good any payments.

I urge you to take out ambulance cover to safe guard you from any possible financial hardship. Student accident insurance policies are also available from some commercial insurers.

## CHILDREN'S CROSSING RULES



At Tyabb Primary School **ALL** students are expected to cross the road using the supervised school crossings. This also includes our students with older siblings who go to Flinders College. With major roads on our borders, it is extremely dangerous for young children to cross without assistance. The children's crossing is there to help keep your children safe coming to and from school. There are a few simple crossing rules to ensure everyone's safety. Please go through these rules with your children:

1. Stop at the yellow line painted on the path
2. Dismount bikes, scooters and skateboards
3. Wait for the crossing supervisor to enter the road and stop the traffic
4. You may cross after the whistle is blown three times
5. Always listen to the crossing supervisor as sometimes they may give verbal commands such as STOP or WAIT

### Did you know?

The speed zones around most schools are reduced to 40km between 8.00-9.30 and 2.30-4.00.

There is no stopping within 10 metres on the departure side of the crossing.

There is no stopping within 20 metres on the approach side of a crossing.

There is 'no standing' on a children's crossing

The crossing must be completely vacated of all pedestrians including the crossing supervisor before motorists can proceed.



## PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON



Fire danger ratings and warnings have been introduced in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk will be closed on days declared by fire authorities to be Code Red.

Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and we will close on days rated as CODE RED.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days notice of a planned closure. We will contact you directly by letter with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure. The communication process at our school will be:

- A notice will be sent to all families as soon as we have notification of a Code Red Day. This may be up to 3 days in advance.
- **The notice will have a return slip that we request be returned THE FOLLOWING DAY.**
- All families with absent children or those who do not send back the notification will be phoned directly to ensure they are aware of the closure.
- Signs will be erected at several locations around the school announcing the possible closure.
- On the day prior, a notice will be sent to all families with confirmation of the Code Red closure or with notification withdrawing the Code Red. We will phone families whose children are not in attendance on that day.

We ask that all families cooperate in this process. The communication logistics are huge for us and will be made far more difficult if families do not return the acknowledgement slip.

**Please note that, on Code Red days, NOBODY will be in attendance at the school.**

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. No staff will remain on site when the school is closed by the threat of fire. We will also cancel any offsite activities (such as school camps and excursions) and out-of-school care if the activities are at risk.

### **What can parents do?**

Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed. Make sure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff. If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.

You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see [www.education.vic.gov.au/bushfires](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/bushfires).

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

## PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT – Primary Schools

### Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>



## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

In the last few years we conducted a review of our school values to ensure that our values reflected the current beliefs, behaviours and expectations of our whole school community. These values and behaviours are explicitly taught to our students during the first two weeks of school and reinforced throughout the year through classroom lessons, stories and through our daily interactions with each other. These values are directly linked to our whole school approach to student engagement, welfare and discipline.

During the first two weeks of school the children are taught the meaning of each value and the importance of showing these positive behaviours. Classrooms use these values to form agreed classroom rules and negotiate positive rewards for showing these behaviours and negative consequences if they are not followed. We ask parents to reinforce these values at home and support us in implementing this values approach to managing behaviours. We must work together to maintain the positive school culture that exists at our school!

<u>Tyabb Primary School Values</u>	<u>Whole School Rules and Expectations</u>
<p><b>RESPECT</b></p> <p><i>To act in a way that shows you care for yourself, others and the environment.</i></p>	<p><u>We show this value by:</u>            Being kind and caring            Accepting and including others            Actively listening            Using good manners            Following staff instructions            Caring for property / environment</p>
<p><b>SAFETY</b></p> <p><i>To behave in a safe manner. To protect yourself and others from injury, risk or danger.</i></p>	<p><u>We show this value by:</u>            Respecting personal space            Keeping hands and feet to ourselves            Using equipment as instructed            Walking inside and undercover            Respecting school boundaries            Following staff instructions</p>
<p><b>RESPONSIBILITY</b></p> <p><i>To take care of someone or something. To make good choices and <b>accept the consequences of your actions.</b></i></p>	<p><u>We show this value by:</u>            Being persistent and trying our best            Bouncing back and being resilient            Being organised and ready to learn            Finishing what we have started            Making good choices and accepting the consequences of your actions</p>
<p><b>INTEGRITY</b></p> <p><i>To do the right thing and be kind, caring, honest and trustworthy.</i></p>	<p><u>We show this value by:</u>            Doing the right thing            Helping others            Being kind, caring and trustworthy            Being honest and telling the truth            Accepting and including others            Taking responsibility for our actions</p>
<p><b>OPTIMISM</b></p> <p><i>To always strive for your best and display a positive attitude.</i></p>	<p><u>We show this value by:</u>            Striving to be our best            Having a positive attitude            Encouraging and supporting others            Believing you can do it!            Enjoying school and making the most of every opportunity</p>

## **VISITING PSYCHOLOGIST / COUNSELLOR**

**In 2018 we secured the services of ER Psychology for the students requiring assistance with their mental health.**

**Liz will be continuing to offer her services on a fortnightly basis at Tyabb. The students accessing this service at the school require an up to date Mental Health Plan to access up to 10 sessions with Liz. Some students require less than 10 sessions. These sessions are held at the school during school hours.**

**If you feel that your child would benefit from the services of a psychologist/counsellor, please do not hesitate to make contact with Kris Grinsted Assistant Principal / Welfare co-ordinator.**

**Please read the information below as to the services that are offered.**



## **Liz Russell**

***B.A., Post Grad Dip. (Psych), M. Psych (Health), MAPS***

**Registered Psychologist & Director at ER Psychology**

Fully registered as a psychologist with the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Association (AHPRA) since 2008, Liz has completed a Master's degree in Health Psychology at Monash University, and also a Supervised Practice Plan in Darwin and Melbourne.

Liz has 18 years of counselling experience, and has worked with adults, adolescents and children in individual and group settings. In addition to seeing private patients at **ER Psychology** located at the

Humphries Road Medical Centre, Liz provides on-site psychological therapeutic care to children ranging in age from 5 – 11 years, at several Peninsula based primary schools.

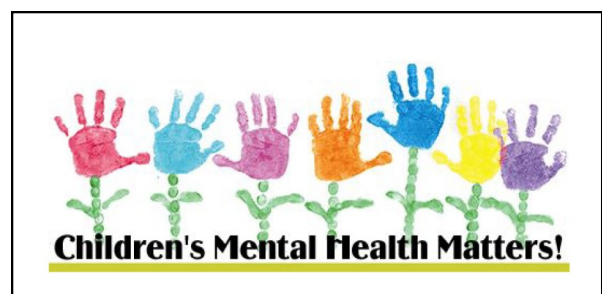
Liz has worked with a range of presenting problems including health related concerns, chronic pain, depression, anxiety, stress; loss of confidence, poor self-esteem, adjustment disorders, grief and loss, and behavioural disorders.

Liz's approach to presenting problems is to examine the biological, psychological, and social components that underpin the issues presented by clients. She takes an integrative approach to counselling, and mainly uses client-centred, cognitive behavioural, and strength based therapies.

Liz and Dominique visit the school on a regular basis and have been very proactive in helping a number of students at Tyabb PS over the past 12 months. Sessions are held at the school during school hours.

They have a passion for helping children and their professional approach to a range of requests from parents has been outstanding.

I highly recommend their services for any children who are experiencing stress, anxiety, school refusal or personal issues in their life.





# What's Happening

## Term 1

Please note that this page will be updated each newsletter as new events are scheduled

Monday 1st February	Preps First Day of School—Start at 9.15am
Monday 1st to Friday 5th Feb	Grade 6 Camp Woorabinda
Wednesday 17th February	Parent/teacher Meet and Greet Interviews (3.50—7.30pm)
Thursday 18th February	Meet and greet interviews take place in your child's classroom, after school between (3.50-6pm)
Thursday 11th February	Call for nominations to be on School Council
Monday 22nd February	School Council Meeting
Thursday 18th February	Closing date for School Council nominations
Thursday 25th February	District Swimming—selected students only
Thursday 4th March	Closing of School Council ballot
Monday 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th March	Curriculum Day—pupil free—students do not attend
Friday 19th March	National Day Against Bullying
Wednesday 17th —19th March	Grade 4 Camp Phillip Island
Thursday 1st April	Last Day Term 1



**FLEXISCHOOLS**

**Reminder to update your child's year level & grade to receive the correct information.**

# Office Reminders

Please contact Sue, Karen, Sara or Cathie if you have any questions

## **Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding (CSEF):**

Every Victorian child should have access to the learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. The Department of Education and Training administers the CSEF to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Although administratively the fund is received through the school, the full amount is intended for the benefit of the eligible student.

On the first day of term one (27th January 2021) or the first day of term two (19th April 2021), a parent or legal guardian of a student must be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card; Centrelink Health Care Card; Pensioner Concession Card

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf. You will only need to submit an application form in 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply at the same school in 2020
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

**In 2021 the CSEF will be allocated to the camp for students in grades 3-6 and excursions/incursion for students in P-2.**

## **Prep Uniform Pack**

Parents of Prep students who are receiving the CSEF in 2021 are invited to contact the office for a Prep Uniform Pack application form to be sent home. **You must have applied for and be approved to receive CSEF before you apply for the Prep Uniform Pack.**

## **Absences:**

Parents are asked to contact the school by 9.30 each morning if their child/ren will not be attending school on the day by:

- phone (leaving a message on the voicemail)
- completing an Absence Form through Flexischools

Future absences can be sent to the school in a note eg holiday

If the school has not been contacted by 9.30, your child will be marked 'absent unexplained' and the school will follow up by phone or text. To avoid unnecessary follow up, please let the office know of your child/ren's absence by 9.30am on the day.

## **CentrePAY:**

Families who receive a Centrelink benefit can pay their account by instalment through CentrePAY. Please contact the office if you are interested in discussing your instalment plan by CentrePAY and an application form will be sent home for you to complete and return. There is no cost to the family.

## **Camps/Excursion/Incursion Payments & Permission Forms**

Please return and pay for activities by the due date on the permission form or your child will not be able to attend. If your child is not attending a particular event please write on the permission form 'Not Attending' and return to the school immediately.

## **Personal and Contact Details:**

It is crucial that the school has your up to date information on file at all times. If you change your personal or contact details please let the school know immediately (preferably in writing) by letter or email. Your personal details report has been sent home. Please write and highlight any changes which need to be updated. If there are no changes we would appreciate the report to be returned to the school with 'No Changes' written on the front page. We thank you for your help in this very important process to ensure all children are safe.

Welcome back to the new school year. Just a couple of reminders/housekeeping re uniform and art smocks.

Could you please send an art smock, labelled with your child's name and current grade for this year, along to the classroom to be placed into the smock tub, ready for messy fun in the art room as soon as possible. If your child's smock did not come home at the end of last year then feel free to pop into the art room to check through the large tub of leftovers.



A reminder too to label all your child's school uniform and belongings with their name so if it is lost or misplaced it is easily returned to them. Many jumpers, windcheaters, vests, lunch boxes, drink bottles, sports equipment and rugby jumpers appear in lost property and sit idle for a long time because they are not named. We endeavour to look through the lost property on a regular basis but cannot possibly return items that are not named.



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

## January

### PREP

Jax  
Reggie  
Taj  
Milly

### GRADE ONE

Isla  
Abigail  
Harper  
Olivia  
Lily

### GRADE TWO

Emeline  
Jett  
Hector  
Emily  
Jacob  
Cruze  
Evie  
River  
Linc  
Alexis  
Addison

### GRADE THREE

Angus  
Jacob  
Tyson  
Alexis  
Freya  
Dieter  
Chad  
Lily

### GRADE FOUR

Ethan  
Ava  
Milla  
Ruby  
Ada  
Jesse  
Zachariah

### GRADE FIVE

Rain  
Sam  
Tyson  
Chloe

### GRADE SIX

Tobey  
Alexis  
Isaiah  
Charlie  
Zac  
Lola  
Ruby

## February

### PREP

Timothy  
Beau  
Theo  
Finn  
Max

### GRADE ONE

Abby  
Sam

### GRADE TWO

Tripp  
Ellie  
Stephanie  
Jaden  
Nate  
Leo  
Isabella  
Jack

### GRADE THREE

Lolita  
Bella  
Ayla  
Heidi-Lee  
Brodee

### GRADE FOUR

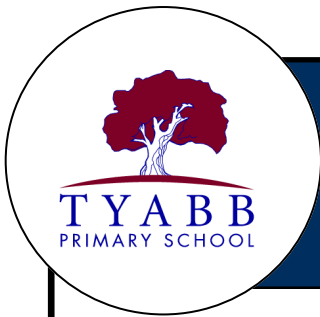
Indyanah  
Ruby  
Hannah  
Joseph  
Isla

### GRADE FIVE

Harriet  
Lenny  
Indi  
Shilah  
Isabella  
Oliver  
Ella  
Avana  
Millie

### GRADE SIX

Imogen  
Max  
Misha  
Cole



# Community News

## Important information for parents

In 2021 many parents will still need to make decisions regarding their child's education for 2022 and beyond.

To assist in their decision making and as we are environmentally conscious and mindful of being contact free during this current health crisis we have provided below a direct link to the February 2021 edition of the **Secondary Education Guide** which we would request that you include in your next newsletter to parents, encouraging them to use this link which is a useful digital resource tool to aid in their decision.

Please feel free to cut and paste the following message with the link into your newsletter.

To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2022 and beyond, please find below a link to the 84 page **February 2021** edition of the **Secondary Education Guide**.

**CLICK HERE:** <https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/secondary-education-east/>

Your cooperation with this request would be greatly appreciated.

Should any of your parent community require a hard copy version of this guide, please have them contact me directly and we can organise postage.

Kind regards

**Katrina Mihai**

Manager - Victoria School Guides

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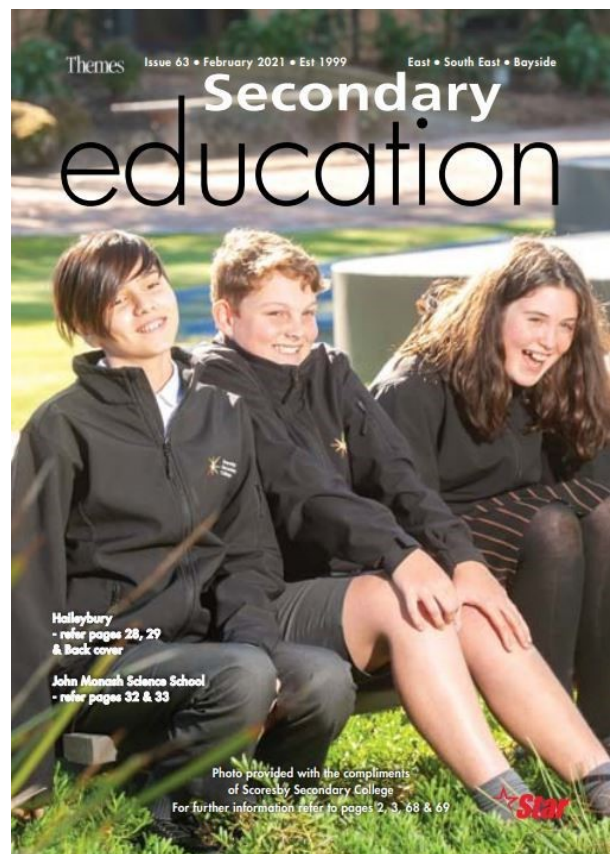
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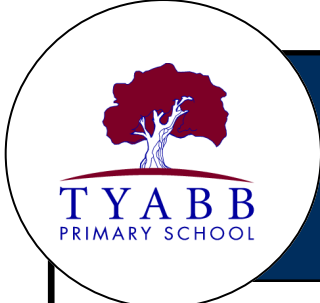
M: 0400 887 424 at anytime

E: [katrina.mihai@starnewsgroup.com.au](mailto:katrina.mihai@starnewsgroup.com.au)

W: [www.victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au](http://www.victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au)

## Victoria School Guides





# Community News

## PLAYERS WANTED

For a **Junior** 18 and under **Afterschool Inter Club Tennis Competition**

For Enquiries or to enroll contact Les  
 M: 0408 033 808  
 E: marilyn.les@hotmail.com

## SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER

Enroll for Term 1 Tennis Coaching and receive 9 - 45 minutes lessons for \$65.00

For Enquiries or booking contact Les  
 M: 0408 033 808  
 E: marilyn.les@hotmail.com

**Bring out the best in your child with singing.**

Enrolments for the Australian Youth Choir are now open to boys and girls from 7 years.

An opportunity to develop singing, build confidence, self esteem and make new friends.

Weekly rehearsals in Frankston during school Term; workshops and concerts included in the year.

**TRY OUT NOW**  
 EMAIL OR CALL US ON:  
**office2@niypaa.com.au** or **9836 2877**  
**Take your child's singing from the shower to the stage!**

Visit our **website** [www.niypaa.com.au](http://www.niypaa.com.au)

[@niypaaofficial](#) [australian\\_youth\\_choir](#)

The Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts Australian (NIYPAA) ABN 25 907 124 629

# LITTLE SPORTS HEROES

**CONTACT TAHLIA**  
 LSHparties@gmail.com  
 or call 0402 892 811

**SPORTS BIRTHDAY PARTIES**  
 suitable for ages 3-8

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# Your OSHC.

## Tailored before and after school experiences that children love.



Dear Families,

We are excited to be partnering with your school to provide our *Your OSHC* service.

*Your OSHC* is Camp Australia's brand for our tailored experiences - Before School, After School and on Pupil Free Days – that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.

Our *Your OSHC* program is tailored to your child, driving curiosity and wonder, whilst creating a unique place where children can practice real-life skills in a fun, exciting environment that challenges them to succeed. Every program is varied, with experiences centred around STEM, Outdoor Play, Sports, Group Games and Imaginative Play – no two programs are the same!

### Download the Parent Portal app



### Experience Your OSHC

To attend *Your OSHC*, you first need to register your child and book. Even if you don't plan on experiencing *Your OSHC* right away, we recommend that all families register for free, so that if you ever need us, we have all the information and documentation we need to best care for your child.

To register and start booking, click the link below or download our Parent Portal app – available on the App Store and through Google Play.

[Register free and book](#)

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## Virtual Info Sessions

To make the process easier for you, and to answer any questions you may have about Outside School Hours Care, we are also hosting free virtual parent information sessions.

These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how OSHC at Camp Australia operates. The team presenting will discuss programs that are offered, registration and booking process, billing, Child Care Subsidy and more.

More information



### Session 1

**Tuesday 16 February**  
12:30pm – 1:00pm

Register



### Session 2

**Thursday 18 February**  
8:00pm – 8:30pm

Register



## Enriching programs

As we start Term 1, we also want to ensure you that we're here to help you and your children settle into school. Our teams have been busy designing the perfect program to kick off the new year, focused on welcoming children into service, strengthening friendships and building confidence for the year ahead.



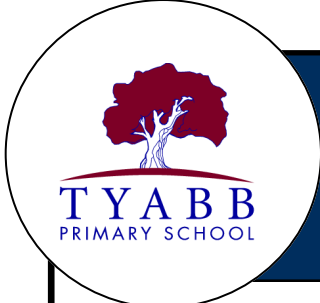
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 5am – 9pm, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you at *Your OSHC* soon!

Kind Regards,  
The Camp Australia Team

Register free and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

by  Camp Australia



# Community News



## School costs sorted with Saver Plus

- ✓ Your savings matched to \$500 for laptops, uniforms, books and more
- ✓ Free online money skills training
- ✓ Support to achieve your savings goal... *money power for you and your family!*

*"I would say go for it, best thing I ever did! Paying for school uniform, shoes and computer seemed overwhelming, but not when you do Saver Plus" - GC*

**If you have a Concession Card you may be eligible**

**Contact us today!**

[FrankstonSP@bsl.org.au](mailto:FrankstonSP@bsl.org.au) 0407 948 506/ 0490 857 044  
Saverplus.org.au Saver Plus Facebook

**Start saving now....2022 costs sorted!**



### PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS ONLINE

**FREE** for parents, step-parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 3-17 years residing in City of Casey  
Join us ONLINE in an interactive program to share experiences, ideas, and learn strategies to support your child

- ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?**  
How to get kids to listen, without having to yell
- DEALING WITH ANGER**  
Helping parents, and kids, deal with anger and frustration
- RESPONDING TO BEHAVIOUR**  
Better understand why children behave the way they do
- STRATEGIES THAT WORK**  
How can parenting be easier and more fun!

**TERM 1, 2021 PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**  
**Tuesday mornings** 10.00am - 11.30am  
16th February to 23rd March (6-weeks)  
**Thursday afternoons** 1.00pm - 2.30pm  
11th February to 18th March (6-weeks)  
**WHERE:** Online via ZOOM  
*You will need access to a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone and an internet connection. Support to access Zoom is available*  
**BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES:**  
 Sandra Phillips at ParentZone  
 Call / text 0447 500 355 or email [sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au)

[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)

**PARENTZONE**  
BETTER TOMORROWS

**REGISTRATION DAY**  
14TH FEB 2021  
12PM - 2PM



**ENQUIRIES**  
[BVASILOU@BIGPOND.COM](mailto:BVASILOU@BIGPOND.COM)  
0439897012

**TYABB JUNIOR NETBALL 2021**

## JOIN THE MIGHTY YABBIES

**Under 9's Netta**  
**Under 11's, 13's, 15's**  
**Girls and Boys - everybody welcome!**  
**Affordable fee's and friendly club.**

Bring a friend to register and you both receive 50% off fee's