

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the 2022 School Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the beautiful weather. After the last couple of years in and out of lockdown we are super excited to be physically back at school and hoping for a year of face to face teaching with our wonderful students. There may be a few challenges along the way but lets focus on the positives that we are all back again.

In the last couple of weeks teachers have been preparing for the year - planning their program and organising and decorating classrooms to give your child a calm, organised and engaging start. Thanks to all of our teachers—the rooms look amazing!

Kris Grinsted and I loved being at the front gate first day to welcome everyone and see the huge smiles and maybe a few nervous 'butterflies in tummies'. We walked through classrooms to see lots of excited faces. There was a lovely calm atmosphere, smiling faces and beautiful manners. What a great start!

It was lovely to see our new preps arrive on Tuesday dressed smartly in their new uniform and feeling both a little nervous and excited. I would like to extend 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. 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:

- River and Smith in grade 1
- Ariana in grade 2
- Tex in grade 3
- Thyssen in grade 4

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.

Tyabb Primary School Bulletin: 3rd February 2022 'From little things, big things grow'

New Staff

At the end of last year we welcomed several new staff.



Jantina Forecast our canteen manager will now be taking on the role as a teaching aide supporting students in classrooms with their learning.



Stacey Koch will be joining us as a teacher aide. Stacey has many years working in childcare and her experience will make her a valuable support to both students and teachers.



Kyra Johnson will be replacing Jantina Forecast as canteen manager. Kyra has plunged straight in to the role opening the canteen and lunch orders for the first week back. Thanks Kyra!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC TEACHER



Over the holidays we employed a fabulous new music teacher. Jessica Barcenas worked at Tyabb Primary School last year for several weeks while Mrs Wyatt was on an extended holiday. She loved working at our school and the students very quickly loved having Mrs B as their music teacher. Welcome Mrs B!



COVID UPDATE

A reminder of some key Covid Safety Measures:

- If your child is unwell even with <u>mild</u> <u>symptoms</u> – you must keep them home and get them tested.
- If that test is negative, your child may return to school once they are well.
- If the test is positive you must inform the school and report this through the Department of Health system (Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. The student will then need to isolate for 7 days.
- The school will notify the community when a student or staff member has returned a positive Covid test and attended school. Once notified parents are asked to monitor for symptoms.
- Where a student is a <u>household contact</u> of a positive case (that is they have spent more than 4 hours with someone who has Covid 19 inside a house) parents must inform the school and the student must isolate for seven days.
- We recommend that you RAT test your child on a Monday and Wednesday- though these days are flexible. Rapid antigen testing is voluntary for all primary, secondary and specialist schools.
- All staff, students and visitors to the school should practice good hygiene. We will continue to ask students and staff to regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer particularly on arrival to school, after playtimes and before and after eating.
- We ask that parents continue to socially distance to 1.5 metres when waiting for students in the grounds or at the school gates. Where it is not possible to socially distance masks should be worn.

We thank you for your continued support in regard to these Covid safe measures. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions or concerns.

As mentioned previously several staff are absent due to Covid and are in 7 days isolation. We are anticipating that we may have a few staff affected by this over the coming weeks so please be patient with us. Your child may not have the same teacher . Please be patient with us as we work in the background to find replacements.

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 meet and greet sessions will take place after school on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th February.

These sessions 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 will be sent home explaining the online booking process and code. Please contact the office if you do 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. You will be given the option to attend at school, meet online or have a phone conversation. Students <u>are not</u> expected to attend these sessions as it is an information session between parents and teachers.

Parents will need to be vaccinated to attend onsite interviews.

Teachers will look forward to meeting you.

2022 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 these days each year to meet school needs. We have already used one of these curriculum days for 2022 on Friday 28th January. As we were unsure of the restrictions that would be in place we have not booked the remaining curriculum days at this stage. We will inform you of these dates in the coming weeks.

We will also hold student led conferences on <u>Friday</u> <u>15th July</u> 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 will only attend on that day for the 20 minute conference.

Period	Start	Finish	Length
Term 1	Friday 28th January 2022 Teachers return Monday 31st January 2022 Grades 1 - 6 return	Friday 8th April 2022	11 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 9th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022	
Term 2	Tuesday 26th April 2022	Friday 24 th June 2022	9 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 25th June 2022	Sunday 10th July 2022	
Term 3	Monday 11 th July 2022	Friday 16th September 2022	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 17th September 2022	Sunday 2nd October 2022	
Term 4	Monday 3rd October 2022	Tuesday 20th December 2022	12 weeks
2022/2023 Summer School Holidays	Wednesday 21st December 2022	Sunday 29th January 2023	

School Council Election 2022— Information for Parents

Next week a note will come home asking if you would like to nominate for our School

Council for 2022. The following is some information that explains the role of School Council.

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.

Please contact the principal for further information if required.



Yearly Reminders

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 <u>ALL</u> 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.





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 <u>www.education.vic.gov.au/</u><u>bushfires</u>.

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at <u>www.cfa.vic.gov.au</u> 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: <u>https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx</u>



What's Happening

Term 1

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

Tuesday 15th February	Parent/teacher Meet and Greet Interviews (3.50—7.30pm)
Wednesday 16th February	Meet and greet interviews take place in your child's classroom,
	after school between (3.50-6pm)
Thursday 10th February	Call for nominations to be on School Council
Thursday 17th February	Closing date for School Council nominations
Monday 21st February	School Council Meeting
Thursday 3rd March	District Swimming—selected students only
Thursday 10th March	Closing of School Council ballot
Monday 14th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
March 16th March	Southern Peninsula Division Swimming - selected students only
Wednesday 23rd —25th March	Grade 4 Camp Phillip Island
Monday 28th March	School Council Meeting
Monday 4th - 6th April	Grade 5 Camp Rumbug
Friday 8th April	Last Day Term 1



Yearbook 2021

We have received another delivery of the 2021 yearbooks.

If you would like to order one come to the office. Cost is \$15.

Thank you

CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSION FUND)

If you have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card you may be eligible for CSEF for your child.

Please come to the office to fill out a form.

If you have previously applied through Tyabb Primary we will reapply on your behalf for this year.

Applications for this year close on 26th April 2022



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 (28th January 2022) or the first day of term two (26th April 2022), a parent or legal guardian of a student must be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 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 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply at the same school in 2021
- changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022.

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

In 2022 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 2022 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:

- completing an absence through Sentral
- phone (leaving a message on the voicemail)
- 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 via the Sentral app, email or phone.



Specialist News

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

A reminder for all children to bring a **<u>NAMED</u>** art smock that will be stored in a tub at the art room. Art is always fun but sometimes very, very, very messy.

It needn't be a purchased smock- one of your old t-shirts or shirts works well too.



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	February
PREP	PREP
Harrison	Oliver
	Jesse
Samuel	Kaleb
Savannah	Connor
Ava Patrick	Archer
	Elise
GRADE ONE	Leevi
Taj Felicity	Jack
Reggie	GRADE ONE
Milly	Timothy
GRADE TWO	Beau
Isla	Theo
Abigail	Max
Harper	GRADE TWO
Olivia	Appy
Lily	Sam
GRADE THREE	GRADE THREE
Emeline	Ellie
Jett	Stephanie
Hector Emily	Jaden
Jacob	Nate
Cruze	Leo
River	Isabella
Linc	Jack
Alexis	GRADE FOUR
Addison	Lolita
GRADE FOUR	Bella
Angus	Дуја
Tyson	Brodee
Alexis Freya	GRADE FIVE
Dieter	Indyanah
Lily	Ruby
GRADE FIVE	Hannah
Ethan	Isla
Ąva	GRADE SIX
Milla	Harriet
Ruby	Lenny
Ada	Shilah
Jesse	Isabella
	Oliver
GRADE SIX	Ella
Rain Sam	Millie
Tyson	
Chioe	



Community News



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PADUA COLLEGE 2022 DISCOVERY TOURS

Prospective families are invited to come and experience a taste of the curriculum, sporting, cultural and spiritual life that Padua College can offer your child.

Meet our staff, see the school in action and learn more about plans for building a new Year 7-8 Centre at Mornington and smaller class sizes.

Register your interest for a 2022 school tour

2024 ENROLMENTS

YEAR 7

Open: 1 February 2022 Close: 13 May 2022

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