

### Newsletter

#### Edition 21—14th December 2023

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#### PRINCIPAL REPORT

FINAL GRADE 6 ASSEMBLY — Monday 18th December 2.40pm (all welcome)

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS—Tuesday 19th December 3.30pm Dismissal

On Friday night we had our first ever Christmas Picnic Concert and what a huge success. The rain threatened all day but held out to allow us to run our event without a hitch. What a great night and huge success. It was terrific to see the smiling faces of our children and proud parents/ family members as they proudly performed to the crowd. We hope you all enjoyed the concert.



Thank you to Mrs Barcenas and classroom teachers for teaching our children their song and rehearsing with our students — they sounded amazing! Thanks to Mrs Barcenas, Mr Fitt and Mr Davies for being our MCs for the night and to Ms Grinsted, Mrs Earl and Mr Davies for the behind the scenes logistics.

Thank you to all of the families that made the effort to come out in stormy weather. You were a brilliant audience that added to the positive atmosphere. Well done Tyabb PS!























We thank Santa and the Tyabb CFA for visiting out school on Friday and helping us to get in to the Christmas spirit!!



# Grade 6 Graduation



#### **GRADUATION**

On Wednesday night, our Year Six students celebrated the conclusion to their seven years of primary school at their Year 6 Graduation. It was a fabulous evening with the students making speeches to share their personal experiences at primary school and teachers responding with a poem that included a funny experience with each student. Awards were presented to several students for their academic achievements and the students performed their end of year song and played their lip dub to the parents. Our students then relaxed and enjoyed dinner and a disco. It was a great night and perfect way to celebrate the occasion and thank a fantastic group of students who have been a pleasure to teach and have as students at Tyabb Primary School.

I would like to thank our grade 6 teachers – Mrs Monea and Mr Jonker for their work with our grade 6s this year and for organising this fabulous event. Thanks also to all of the other enthusiastic and dedicated staff of Tyabb Primary School who have supported these students along the way.

To our Grade 6's and to families who will be leaving us, we wish you all the best for the future and thank you for your continued support during your time at Tyabb Primary School. Good luck everyone!

#### 2024 GRADES/STAFFING

In the last couple of weeks our students have visited their new classroom and met their new teacher and peers for 2024. This can be an anxious time for students but hopefully this has helped to take some of the nerves away and build some excitement for the year ahead. We have provided a list of our staff for next year for your reference. You will have noticed some changes to teachers and grades. Each year we have some changes to our staffing with staff leaving, new staff joining us, changes to the number of classes at each year level and teachers ready for a change of year level. We are really pleased with our staffing arrangements for 2024.

	Staff	Rm	Staff	
PA		1		
PA	Carly Chatfield	'	Art – Sharon Wright	
РВ	Sally Watson	2	PE – Cobi Davies	
1A	Damian Brennan	3	Music – Jessica Barcenas	
1B	Kylie Baker	4	Science - Kathie Toft/	
			Bryony Cheers	
1C	Meg Nelson	5	AUSLAN – Mandy Haddad	
2A	Miranda Dummett	6	Tutor—Jess McDonald	
2B	Karina Hewitt	7	ES - Kimberly Cox	
2C	Kathy Woff	8	ES - Kerry Fleming	
3A	Mollie Bowler	11	ES - Narelle Hateley	
3B	Bronwyn Rogers	13	ES - Belinda Thickens	
3C	Holly Smith-Pill	14	ES—Stacey Koch	
4A	Rachel Everard	12	ES—Tatiana Dorosh	
4B	Ashleigh Simon/Jon Fitt	HB6	ES- Rebecca Colley	
5A	Christina Tropeano	HB1	ES—Matthew Sanderson	
5B	Lauren Palmer	HB2	ES—Jessica Caron	
5C	Tania Matthews	HB3	Office—Karen Jacob	
6A	Jaimi Jenkins	HB4	Office—Jantina Forecast	
6B	Amy Monea	HB5	BM - Cathie Fulton/	
			Sara Hyde	
			Canteen—Kyra Johnson	
			Computer Tech—Rohan	

#### THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

At the end of every year, schools generally experience a change in their staffing for a variety of reasons—teachers move house, get promotions at other schools, go on new adventures. It is with sadness that we say thank you and farewell to the following staff.



Alyshia Brown



Rutger Jonker



Belinda Elliott



**Emily Williams** 

Miss Brown has picked up an Ongoing position at Kunyung Primary School, Mrs Elliott is moving to Benton Junior College, Mr Jonker is taking some time to support his family and Miss Williams has picked up her first teaching position at Berwick Lodge Primary School. We sincerely thank all of these staff for everything that they have done for the students at Tyabb PS and wish them all the best for the future.

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF FOR 2024

#### New teaching staff



Lauren Palmer



Jaimi Jenkins



Holly Smith-Pill

#### **New Education Support Staff**

We also welcome two new Education Support Staff—Matthew Sanderson and Jessica Caron who will be providing additional support to students during 2024.

# Star Citizens

The Star Citizen Award is presented to students who display the school values of respect, responsibility, safety, integrity and optimism to a high standard all the time. They speak politely to staff and other students. Show care for themselves and others. Help students and teachers who are in need of assistance. Treat others and themselves with respect and give all activities their best effort. Students are selected through a nomination process conducted within their year levels with student and teacher input. Congratulations to the following students:

Prep Kirra

Gr 1 Beau

Gr 2 Rupert

Gr 3 Owen

Gr 4 Jessica

Gr 5 Alexis

Gr 6 Alana





















## **Student Leaders 2024**

Congratulations to the following students for successfully achieving a leadership position for 2024. We were able to announce and present certificates and badges to our new captains during our final Monday assembly.

#### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Harper and Bryce

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

**Ruby and Harry** 

#### **BENTON HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Addi and Ayla

#### **JONES HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Grace and Vance

#### **BAXTER HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Luella and Braxton

#### **COOLART HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Chloe and Isabelle

#### **ICT CAPTAINS**

Liam and Darcy

#### **SPORT CAPTAINS**

Paige and Isaac

#### **SCIENCE**

Arthur and Bailey

#### **SUSTAINABILITY CAPTAINS**

Tyson and Dieter

#### **AUSLAN CAPTAINS**

Freya and Jayden

#### **MUSIC CAPTAINS**

Ella and George

#### **GRADE 5 & 6 WATER SAFETY**

On Monday our year 5 and 6 students attended session one of our Water Safety Program. Although a little cold, our students had fun learning spending time together and learning valuable survival skills.





2023 has been a fantastic year at Tyabb Primary School. It has been a year full of many exciting events and opportunities, including camps, excursions, swimming, water safety, athletics, dress up parades, mother's and father's day stalls/breakfasts, lunch time activities, Stomp dance lessons, numerous sporting events and our end of year Christmas Concert—just to name a few!

Congratulations to our students for making the most of these fantastic opportunities and for having such a positive attitude towards school and school work. Thank you also to our staff including classroom teachers, specialists and education support staff for their dedication, commitment and hard work during the year.

I would like to extend a big thanks to our parent helpers for 2023. Our parents help in many ways including: PFA, School Council, classrooms, canteen, excursions, camps, HPV, and in many other ways. We really appreciate the support that we receive from the parent community as this partnership helps us to provide the best possible resources, facilities and programs for our students. We look forward to the continued support of our parents in 2024.

Thank you to our PFA who have had an enormous year organising many successful events including our colour run, mothers and fathers day stalls and breakfasts and many other fundraising events. Thanks to the PFA and our very generous community we have raised \$25,000 which will be going towards new playground equipment, school seating, landscaping and classroom resources.

Special thanks to our PFA president, Jantina Forecast for her hard work and commitment to our school. Jantina has volunteered many hours of her own time to coordinate the PFA and organise the fundraisers and social events that support our students and bring our community together.

Thank you Jantina for your contribution as PFA president over the past 4 years. As Jantina is now working in our office and managing our school library, she will be stepping down as PFA president in 2024. If this is a role you would consider for 2024 please give our office a call, email your expression of interest or let us know at the beginning of the 2024 school year.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of our School Council for the 2023 school year. Our School Council make key decisions relating to the direction and vision of the school and oversee the annual school budget. Thank you to the following members:

Shelly Bellinger – President

Brooke Davies - Treasurer

Bryce Palmer - Vice President

Amanda Bryant, Trevor Smith, Katie Rees and Erin Machar, (parent representatives)

Kris Grinsted, Kathy Woff and Tania Matthews (staff representatives)

We are extremely grateful for the support of our school community and look forward to your continued support in 2024.

#### **GRADE ASSEMBLY**

We will be holding a special assembly for our grade 6 students on Monday 18th December at 2.40pm. At this whole school assembly we will say thank you to our grade 6s, have a special year 6 performance and congratulate the students who received special acknowledgements at graduation. We also thank students and families who are leaving Tyabb Primary School.



In closing for the year, I would like to thank the Tyabb Trimary School
Community — students, parents and staff for a fabulous year. Have a safe and Happy Christmas with your families. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024**

#### **STARTING DATES**

Monday 29th January—Teachers return only

Tuesday 30th January—Grade 1-6 students start school

Thursday 1st February—2024 Preps begin

Please note that preps do not attend Wednesdays until after the Labour Day weekend (Mon 11th March)

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS 2024**

Monday 29th January—Teachers return only (Curriculum Day 1)

Curriculum Day 2 – Tuesday 12th March (Day after Labour Day weekend)

Friday 31st May - Pupil Free Curriculum Day 3 - Assessment & Reporting

Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day) – Monday 4th November (Prior to Melbourne Cup Day)

Curriculum Day 4—Friday 20th December

#### SCHOOL CAMPS FOR 2024

Camp Name	Approximate Cost based on 2023 prices	Dates
Grade 3 Golden Valleys Adventure Camp	\$340	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 16 <sup>h</sup> October
Grade 4 Phillip Island	\$340	Wed 20th—22nd March
Grade 5 Camp Rumbug	\$350	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Grade 6 Camp Woorabinda	\$300	Mon 5th—9th February

#### 2024 Victoria School Holidays and Term Dates

Period	Start	Finish	Length
Term 1	Monday 29th January 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	9 weeks
School Holidays	Friday 29th March 2024	Sunday 14th April 2024	
Term 2	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday, 28th June 2024	11 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 29th June 2024	Sunday 14th July 2024	
Term 3	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Friday, 20th September 2024	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday 21st September 2024	Sunday, 6th October 2024	
Term 4	Monday, 7th October 2024	Friday 20th Dec 2024	11 weeks
2023/2024 Summer School Holidays	Saturday 21st December 2024	Tuesday, 28th January 2025	



# School Uniform Reminders

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Tyabb Primary Schools requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes. This dress code has been developed by Tyabb Primary School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community. The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Tyabb Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community. The School
   Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for student

Over the school holidays, no doubt you will have to update school uniforms due to a number of reasons.

When purchasing the uniforms, please be aware of the following to ensure that your child is attending school in uniform that conforms to the current school policy. The policy is available on the school website.

School shoes need to be black / white / black and white.

Socks are not to have logos on them, also being navy blue or white.

Skorts need to be a length (mid thigh) that is in line with Sun Smart (slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible)

#### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics/Make up may not be worn at school. This includes lip stick, coloured or sparkly gel, hair colours and nail polish. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

We appreciate your support with following our current school policy. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the front office.



## Welfare



#### **Primary School Nursing**

#### 2024 Edition

#### Information For Parents

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free service offered by the Department of Education to all prep/foundation students and their families during their child's first year of school.

The program aims to assist in the early identification of children with potential health and development related learning difficulties and offers health and development screening (such as hearing, vision, speech, dental and motor skills) as well as advice, information and referrals to other health and support services.

Your child will receive information regarding the School Entrant Health Questionnaire in their first year at school

Parents / carers can support their child's participation in the program by completing an online School Entrant Health Questionnaire.

You can access and complete this questionnaire on a mobile phone, computer, or tablet.

A paper version of the questionnaire is available from your child's school if you prefer.

If you do not wish for your child to be seen by the School Nurse you can select 'No' on the questionnaire

#### Transition to School- changes for your Child

Starting school involves a number of changes for children and families. Some useful tips to assist in the transition to school include:

#### Getting familiar with your child's new school

In the months and weeks before starting school, it's good for your child to get familiar with the school environment. This includes routines and rules as well as the classroom, playground, toilets, drinking fountains and so on.

#### Managing feelings about starting school

Starting school can be a big change for your child, and they might feel a bit anxious as well as excited. Letting your child know that you think they'll go well at school, this can help them feel positive. Give your child lots of love and support.-Be excited and enthusiastic about your child starting school. This sends your child the positive message that school is exciting and that they'll manage well and have fun.

#### Starting school: the early weeks

Here are some simple things you can do to help the first few weeks go smoothly:

- Try to drop off your child at school before the bell goes in the morning. Also pick your child up on time. If you're late it could make your child feel a bit anxious.
- Try to make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for the two of you to chat.-You
  could try saying something like, 'Tell me one good thing about your day'.
- Don't expect too much academic progress too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that's a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- Remember that it's normal for children to play with lots of different children, and even to play on their own sometimes. It takes a while before they settle into a group of friends.







#### Information and Support for Parents:

Anglicare/Parentzone parenting courses-03 9781 6729

parentzone.southern@anglicarevic.org.au

Parentline- 1300 30 1300

Homelessness assistance: 1800 825 955 SafeSteps Family Violence support: 1800 015 188 or www.safesteps.org.au

Orangedoor- 1800 271 170

Food Security: www.askizzy.org.au/food

Royal Children's Hospital— 9345 5522 www.rch.org.au

School Health Plans: Do you have your child's health plans ready for school? Allergies & eczema plans available at:

www.allergy.org.au

Asthma plans available at:

www.asthma.org.au

Please discuss your plans with your

Family Doctor and once completed give

them to the school.



## Welfare



# When should my child's eyes be tested?

Optometrists Association Australia recommends that children have a full eye examination with an Optometrist before starting school and regularly as they progress through primary and secondary schools.

An eye examination with an Optometrist takes approximately 25 minutes and attracts a Medicare rebate- no referral is required.

Please record any vision testing and/or family history of vision problems on the School Entrant Health Questionnaire.

If there has not been any vision testing prior to starting school the Primary School Nurse is able to check you child's distance vision and provide a referral if needed.

#### Signs that could indicate a possible vision problem:

- One eye turns in or out while the other points straight ahead.
- Frequent blinking/rubbing of the eye
- Red or watery eyes
- Sensitivity to light
- Tilting head noticeably
- Poor hand eye co-ordination
- Covering or closing one eye
- Difficulty learning to read
- Holding a book very close to read
- Leaving out or confusing words when reading
- Squinting or sitting very close when watching
- Complaints of headaches, blurred/double vision

Regular dental check-ups (6-12monthly) are recommended as part of your child's dental health routine. Healthy teeth and gums are vital to your school-age child's general health. Dental care for children's teeth starts with cleaning your child's teeth twice a day.

#### Dental Health

Your child may be eligible for the Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule, which provides \$1000 worth of basic dental care over a 2 year period for eligible children. Contact Peninsula Health Dental Services on 9784 8184 to make an appointment.

#### Tips for better sleep:

- Set up a regular bedtime routine
- 2. Relax before bed
- 3. Keep Regular wake times
- Make sure your child feels safe at night
- Check noise and light in your child's bedroom
- 6. Limit screens/ TV before bed
- 7. t time
- 8. Avoid caffeine

#### Sleep and Learning

#### About sleep and learning

Good-quality sleep helps your child concentrate, remember things and behave well. These all help them to be a successful learner.

Poor sleep or not enough sleep affects concentration, memory and behaviour, making it harder for your child to learn. Children who don't sleep well are more likely to feel sleepy and to have difficulties with

#### Concentration

Children who are sleepy have trouble concentrating during the day. If your child can't keep their attention on what they're trying to learn, whether it's climbing a tree at the park or singing a song at school, it will affect their learning.

#### Memory

Remembering things is part of learning. When your child is tired, it's harder for them to remember basic information such as learning the alphabet, numbers, words and following instructions.

Our brains create and strengthen different types of memory in different sleep cycles. Just before your child wakes in the morning, their brain uses the last stages of REM sleep to sort and store memories and information from the previous day and get ready for the day ahead.

#### Behaviou

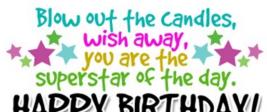
Sleepy children tend to have more problems with behaviour school- and at home too! For example, a sleepy child might play up in class or refuse to follow the teacher's instructions. A sleepy child might miss out on learning because the teacher is busy managing their behaviour. The child might also miss out on playing with other children if they don't like the way s/he's behaving.

If your child is having problems with their concentration, memory or behaviour, checking their sleep is a good place to start.

If you're worried, or the problems go on for more than 2-4 weeks, talk to your doctor, Primary School Nurse or Maternal and Child Health Nurse.

Information taken from the Raising Children Network- www.raisingchildren.net.au

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

# December

PREP

Peyton

Harley

Quinn

#### GRADE ONE

Olivia

Zac

Harvey

Archer

Ryder

Jack

Rory

Jaxon

#### GRADE TWO

Eden

Ella

Felicity

Hunter

Ava

Taylor

Ava

#### GRADE THREE

Alex

Flynn

Royce

#### GRADE FOUR

Livvy

Brayden

Jewel

#### **GRADE FIVE**

Xander

Indy

Grace

#### GRADE SIX

Ethan

Elise

Sophie

**Outside School Hours Care** 

#### Newsletter

14/12/2023

**Tyabb Primary School** 







Hello Families,

It's the end of yet another year.

As our 2023 school year comes to an end, we want to thank you all for some amazing times in OSHC. We have explored many different subjects and interests of children in our care.

We wish children who are moving on to Secondary school and who have been with us for many years a successful transition to their new schools and new chapter in their lives.

As school finishes up for the year, please visit our website for information about our local Rocketeers programs. There are some fantastic activities on offer for the summer break.

We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you all again in 2024,

Emma & Heather and the Camp Australia Team, Tyabb

#### Activities coming up

- Getting to know me week.
- Sea life activity

#### Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers

Book now

#### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au





## TENNIS CLINICS

Suitable for kids aged 5-13 years Beginner to intermediate level players

ROSEBUD T.C

Hove Road, Rosebud

CLINIC #1

Fri 22 Dec

CLINIC #2

Thur 28 - Sat 30 Dec

CLINIC #3

Thur 4 - Fri 5 Jan

CLINIC #4

Mon 22 - Tues 23 Jan

#### **SOMERVILLE T.C**

Park Lane, Somerville

CLINIC #1

Thur 21 Dec

CLINIC #2

Tues 2 - Wed 3 Jan

CLINIC #3

Mon 8 - Tues 9 Jan

CLINIC #4

Wed 24 - Thur 25 Jan

9:00am - 12:00pm DAILY



\$45 per day

For bookings contact Steve & Jeane 0401 478 955 admin@platinumtennis.com.au

www.platinumtennis.com.au





# GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT MOONLIT SANCTUARY KEEPER CLUB

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.

The day includes interactions with dingoes, pythons, feeding animals and food prep, and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.

For ages 8-14 years



#### Summer 2024 School Holiday Program Dates:

8:45am sign in - 9:00am start, 2:00pm finish

#### JANUARY DATES

Week 1: Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th

Week 2: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th

Week 3: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00 am start - 2:00pm finish

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited to 16 per day

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale | Phone 5978 7935 | www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au















