

Newsletter

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SCHOOL LEADERS

Our Year Six students have had a great start to the year. During camp and the 'start up' program it is reinforced that all of our Year 6 students are leaders of the school and role models to students in younger year levels. The beginning of the year also brings with it an opportunity for our senior students to take on additional responsibilities and leadership positions across the school. I congratulate the following students who have been appointed leadership positions for 2024 and look forward to working with these students and the entire year 6 cohort in their final year.



Harper and Bryce

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CAPTAINS

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



School Captains Harper & Bryce



JSC Captains Ruby & Harry



Benton House Captains Addi & Ayla



Baxter House Captains Braxton & Luella



Coolart House Captains Isabelle & Chloe



Jones House Captains Grace and Vance



ICT CAPTAINS Darcy & Liam



SUSTAINABILITY CAPTAINS
Dieter & Tyson



SPORT CAPTAINS
Isaac & Paige



AUSLAN CAPTAINS Freya & Jayden



SCIENCE Bailey & Arthur



MUSIC CAPTAINS Ella & George

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS

Each year School Council approves a list of volunteers working in the school. This will be presented at a School Council meeting at the end of this term. It is our school policy that any parents who are participating in programs that have a high level of contact with students require a Working With Children Card. Examples of this include: Parents helping with classrooms, camps, excursions, canteen roster or any other activity involving direct contact with children. For this reason we require all parent helpers to have a Working With Children Card. It is free for volunteers and is available through an online application process at the website below. These cards are valid for 5 years.

https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children

You will be asked to provide a copy of your Working with Children Card and fill out an OHS Induction form at the office when helping at the school. If you have a VIT please give a copy to the office if volunteering.

COMMISSIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

REBEL SPORTS MORNINGTON

By shopping at REBEL sport, Tyabb Primary School receives a 5% commission on sales. We receive about \$1000 a year in commissions which go towards sports equipment to run our PE program. Just mention Tyabb Primary School when you make your purchase.

BELEZA UNIFORMS



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YEAR 6 CAMP

Last week our grade 6s went to a five day camp called Woorabinda in Yallourn North. This is a fantastic camp with lots of great activities – hiking, camping, high ropes, flying fox, raft building, canoeing and hut building. Mrs Howden and Ms Grinsted went to visit last Thursday and saw our grade sixes doing lots of these activities – they saw kids trying hard, giving everything a go, working really well together, getting along and enjoying each others company and showing respect and lovely manners. We are super proud of our grade 6s – well done!

Thank you to Mrs Monea and Mrs Jenkins for organising the camp and taking our children on this five day adventure. Thanks also to our parent helpers — Daryl, Jodie, Ben, Adam, Priscilla and Nina for volunteering your time to support our students. We couldn't run our camps without the support of our parents. It was terrific to see our teachers and parent helpers working together to support our children and having a great time too!















School Council Election 2024—Information for Parents

If you would like to nominate for our School Council for 2024. We are calling for nominations for 4 parent positions and 2 school employee positions. 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 co-opted 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. Councillors 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. Nomination forms are available from our school office from Thursday 15th February. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election (by 4pm on Thursday 22nd February). 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.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of TYABB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on

THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2024

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on

THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2024

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category

Parent member

Term of office

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in March 2024

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in March 2026

Number of positions:

4

Membership category

School employee member

Term of office

From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in March 2024

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in March 2026

Number of positions:

2

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature

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Thank You Jantina!



Sincere thank you to Jantina Forecast for being our PFA president for the past 4 years and helping to organise social events and raise funds to go towards resources and improving our school grounds. Over these years Jantina has organised mothers & fathers day stalls and breakfasts, colour runs, raffles, chocolate drives etc and has worked with our wonderful PFA to raise thousands of dollars to go towards resources and improving our school grounds. In Jantina's time as PFA president the PFA have raised funds for resurfacing the basketball court, building a bike shelter (2024), new 3/4 playground (2024) and purchase of new readers and furniture.



Jantina is now working full time at Tyabb Primary School in our office and managing our school library and would like to step down from her role as PFA president. Thank you Jantina for volunteering for countless hours to help to provide the best for the students at Tyabb PS. You have been an amazing PFA president.



We are now asking for expressions of interest to take on the role of PFA president. This is a chance to meet new people, build new friendships and help to improve the resources and grounds at your child's school. We need your help as we cannot run these events without the support of a PFA. Jantina is still working at the school and will be able to support our new PFA president as they transition in to the role. If this is something that you would be willing to consider please contact the office or pop in to see us to learn more about the role. Your help would be greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS It's hard to believe Easter is just around the corner. The PFA Fundraising Committee is running an Easter Raffle and we are kindly asking families for donations of any type or size of Easter Eggs and baskets. The more Easter eggs we receive the more raffle prizes we can put together. Please leave any donations in the basket at the office by Friday 22nd of March The Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 28th of March. Raffle tickets will go home soon. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

CURRICULUM DAYS 2024

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 th – Wed 16 ^h October
Grade 4 Phillip Island	\$340	Wed 20th—22nd March
Grade 5 Camp Rumbug	\$350	Wed 1st – Fri 3rd 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 28th 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 th 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	



Welfare

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

In 2013, the Victorian Parliament held an Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, resulting in the Betrayal of Trust Report. The report found that more could be done to strengthen existing approaches to child safety. In response, the Victorian Government is phasing in child safe standards for organisations that work with children, including schools. Along with schools across Victoria we are now working to implement a stringent new set of child safe standards designed to protect children in our care. As a school we have implemented and written a new child safe policy and code of conduct in line with the new State Government legislation. These can now be found on our website. Please refer to these documents for more information. All schools must meet legal requirements for the care, safety and welfare of students.

What are the standards?

The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse, including:

- sexual or grooming offences
- physical violence
- serious emotional or psychological harm
- serious neglect

There are seven child safe standards.

- 1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.
- 2. A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- 3. A child safety code of conduct.
- 4. School staff selection, supervision and management practice for a child-safe environment.
- 5. Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.
- 6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- 7. Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation

As Assistant Principal and as part of my welfare role I am also Child Safety Officer. This means I oversee many of the child safe standards and procedures and it is my role to look out for all the students in our school to ensure that they are safe and supported. At Tyabb Primary School we take child safety very seriously and have made our commitment to this below.

At Tyabb Primary School our commitment to child safety is as follows:

- Tyabb Primary School is committed to child safety
- We want our children to be safe, happy and empowered
- We support, listen to and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers
- We have committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children
- We have zero tolerance of child abuse. All allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures
- We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously
- Our school is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks
- Our school has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers
- Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks
- We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.



Welfare

 We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments

At Tyabb Primary School we also want you to know that:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility at our school
- We have new procedures to respond to and report complaints of any form of child abuse.
- We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school so please read our policy and code of conduct on our website
- Staff members have already received training and support to understand and carry out their responsibilities under the standards.
- Unsupervised contractors, new emergency teachers, new parent helpers and parents attending camp will be asked to sign our code of conduct and read our child safe policy before they begin working or volunteering at our school

You can read our Child Safe Policy and code of conduct on our website and you can learn more about Victoria's new child safe standards from a video on the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority website

http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe/Pages/default.html

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER



Thankyou to all of our families for sending your children to school in full school uniform. Tyabb PS are very proud of their families and correct school uniform is a reflection of pride and how we represent the school and local community.

Some small reminders to keep in mind throughout the year:

- PLEASE name your child's uniform. So many hoodies/windcheaters are left behind in the playground and are not named
- REMIND your child that there are black tubs outside their classrooms (teachers remind as well) that they can put their hoodies/ windcheaters in when they take them off outside
- HATS need to be sunsmart, ask your child if their hat is still in good shape
- The LENGTH of skirts/skorts should be taken into consideration regarding being sunsmart—please check your child's skirt/ skort to ensure it is an appropriate length
- SHOES need to be black or white
- If your child needs to wear an item of clothing that is not uniform for a day, please supply a NOTE to the classroom teacher
- Reminder that we have a SECOND HAND uniform section at the main office, open at all times during the school day
- If you happen to be having financial difficulties purchasing the correct school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will try to assist



What's Happening Term 1

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

Thursday 15th February	Notice of Election & Call for Nominations for School Council
Friday 16th February	Young Leaders Conference
Thursday 22nd February	Closing Date for Nominations for School Council
Monday 26th February	Whole School Assembly
Monday 26th February	School Council Meeting
Thursday 29th February	District Swimming—selected students only
Monday 4th March	Whole School Assembly
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 12th March	Curriculum Day - Student Free
Wednesday 13th March	Division Swimming - selected students only
Wednesday 13th—25th March	NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5
Thursday 14th March	Closing of Ballot for School Council
Monday 18th March	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 20th—22th March	Grade 4 Camp Phillip Island
Thursday 21st March	Summer Lightning Prem—Grade 5 & 6
Monday 25th March	School Council Meeting
Monday 25th March	Regional Swimming—Selected students only
Wednesday 27th March	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS
Thursday 28th March	Sausage Sizzle , Easter Bonnet Parade & Raffle
Thursday 28th March	Last Day Term 1

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 28th June 2024.





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PA	Harper
PB	Noah
14	Elizabeth
1B	Sophie
1C	Gracie
24	Levi
2B	Ruby
2C	Rupert
3,4	Spencer
3B	River
3С	Brodie
44	Jhai
4B	Sam
5A	Ellie
5B	Harper
5C	Jack
64	School Camp
6B	School Camp



Classroom Capers



PREP 2024(**)

Term one is well under way and the Preps have had an amazing start to school!







Each day the Preps have been partaking in Developmental Learning, where the children are building, pretending, creating, interacting and problem solving through play!







Classroom Capers

The Preps have been working hard in the classroom, learning the 's' and 't' sounds, building their number sense and counting!











Well done Preps on an excellent start to school in 2024! Keep up the great work!



Specialist News

Art room

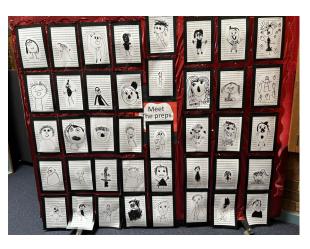
Welcome back to the fun and mess of the art room. If you haven't yet sent a <u>named</u> art smock for your child please get on to that A.S.A.P as wet mess will be happening soon. If your child's smock didn't make it home at the end of last



Dwayne "The Smock" Johnson

year please pop into the art room and grab one that was left behind.

Prep have had their first art session and created self portraits. Next week they will be creating pictures of their families. They will then be looking at colour, making rainbows and colour wheel pizzas.





Grades 1–4 have had a focus on colour for the start of the year as well as some initial getting to know your new classmate art activities.

Grade 1 and two learnt about warm and cool colours and created some beautiful sunsets (one of my favourite things to view!)

Grade three and four are looking at warm and cool colours and creating Autumn trees.





Grade 5 and 6 will complete a term looking mainly at portraiture and famous artists and have begun the term with "heads full of favourites, hopes and dreams" and will be moving onto grid drawing of "selfies".



February

PREP

Frankie

Harry

Airlie

Darcy

GRADE ONE

David

Kirra

Willow

GRADE TWO

Oliver

Jesse

Kaleb

Connor

Archer

1

Elise

Leevi Jack

GRADE THREE

Miller

Timothy

Beau

Theo

Max

GRADE FOUR

Abby

Sam

GRADE FIVE

Ellie

Liv

Stephanie

Nate

Jaden

Leo

Isabella

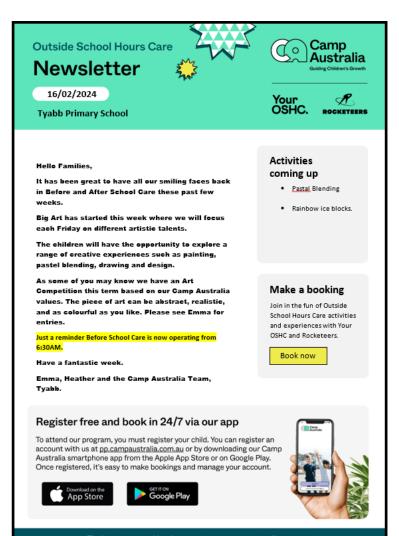
GRADE SIX

Bella

Ayla

Heidi-Lee

Brodee



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