

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 2

Friday 9th Feb 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Wednesday

14th, 21st & 28th

Prep rest days

Friday 23rd

Family Fun Night (FFN)

3:30—5:30pm

Monday 26th

Summer Sports Gr5/6

selected students

MARCH

Friday 8th

Curriculum Day TBC

Monday 11th

Labour Day holiday

Saturday 23rd

ANNUAL FAIR 10am-3pm

Thursday 28th

Last day of term 1.

Early dismissal 2.30pm

APRIL

Monday 15th

Term 2 commences

Thursday 25th

ANZAC DAY public holiday

Principal's Message

Dear parents and carers

It was terrific to see so many parents/carers taking the opportunity to meet with classroom teachers for a 'Start-up Chat' this week. This has opened the communication between home and school for the year and the teachers believe that lots of very useful information was shared. If you were unable to attend this week, please email your child's teacher to arrange a time. Staff email addresses are included in the newsletter again this week.

We have welcomed Ms Eliza Turner to the school this week for a teaching placement. She is working in Grade 4/5B, supervised by Mr Bracher. Eliza is a past student of our school and it is lovely to have her back!

The start of the year Family Fun Night (FFN) is scheduled for Friday 23rd February 3:30—5:30pm. This informal gathering gives us a chance to get together as a school community to meet staff and new families and also renew contact with those we have met before. There will be a free sausage sizzle provided by school council. We will also start to recruit helpers for the school fair at FFN. Have a chat to any of the fair coordinators and add your name to the roster that will be on display. I look

forward to seeing you at the FFN!

Please remember to check the important dates column each week in the newsletter. It keeps you up to date with upcoming events. We will continue to add events as dates are confirmed and we aim to give you as much forward notice as possible.

Our grade 6 students have been doing a wonderful job in the first two weeks of term, helping their Prep Buddies settle into school. Each of them has taken on this leadership role with enthusiasm and sensitivity. It was wonderful to see how proud the grade 6 students were when they received their special Grade 6 jackets in assembly this afternoon. Receiving their grade 6 jacket is an important step in their leadership journey during their final year of primary school.

Congratulations to all of the grade 6 students!

Have a lovely weekend!

Lee MacDonald

Principal

leeanne.macdonald@education.vic.gov.au

STARS OF THE WEEK



Pictured: L-R Back: Caleb, Preston & Lydia Front: Angus, Mordakye & Persy

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Angus— For having a great start to the your schooling. You have settled in well. Keep it up!

Persy— For being a wonderful classmate to your fellow peers. You have been helpful and kind to everyone and I am very proud. Keep it up Persey!

Mordakye— Having a fantastic start to the year and consistently demonstrating our class rule of being kind! You are very thoughtful and caring and we are so lucky to have you in our class.

Preston— For a fantastic start to the term and your final year at Tylden. You have been so engaged and have some wonderful ideas to contribute to our class. Keep it up!

Lydia—For getting the year off to a great start. Well done Lydia!

Caleb—For a wonderful start to the new school year. You have come back full of enthusiasm. Keep it up!

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

The Tylden General store provides a lunch order service for the school. Lunch orders are available on **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**. Please write your child's name, room number and order on a brown paper lunch bag and enclose the money (cash only).

The orders then should be placed in the lunch order tubs in the office area before 9am and returned to the school by 12.20pm.

Please remember it is important to send a fruit snack and play lunch on days when your child has a lunch order.

SPARE CLOTHES

Children in the junior grades, particularly Prep children, should have a spare set of clothes in the bottom of their school bag in case of a "toilet mishap."

If there are no spare clothes in the child's bag, the school will provide a change. Please wash and return these school spares to the office after use.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN (SAKGP)



We had a great start to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program on Tuesday. The Year 4s were very professional in the kitchen! After a revision of kitchen routines and safe knife skills we made Cherry Tomato & Basil Focaccia and Zucchini & Sweet Potato Zoodle bake. We used a spiraliser to make zoodles and chopped and grated the vegetables to make the delicious Zoodle bake. The focaccia required us to make a 'shaggy' dough which is a sticky dough so there were lots of messy hands! Our focaccias turned out really well and were very yummy. We were also lucky to have Eliza Turner helping today. Eliza is a pre-service teacher doing a teacher round at Tylden and also a past student who did the SAKGP when she was in Year 6!



PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE

Thank you to the families who have already paid this year's contributions. If you have mislaid your contribution form, please collect a replacement from the office. We will send home school statements soon. Please have a word to Livia or Lee about your account if there are any difficulties with payment. We are happy to help you to develop a payment plan.

PAYMENT METHODS

Monies can be paid via BPAY (preferred method) using the Biller code 87361 and your family's reference number found on your family statement.

Payments can also be made by direct debit using the school bank details :

BSB: 063 517 Account number: 10031412.

EG: Surname Uniforms/Excursion/Fees/OSHC

BSB 063 517 ACC: 10031412

Cash and EFTPOS payments are also accepted at the office.

If there is no one at the desk, please leave forms and payments in the letter box located near the door of the office.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is held on Thursday mornings in Room 4. It starts at 8:40am and goes until 8:55am. All children are welcome to attend. Breakfast Club is sponsored by Food Bank and provides cereal, toast & spreads and fruit cups. It is completely free. Ms Sarah Hughes coordinates Breakfast Club each week and senior students help to prepare the food.



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

The school contracts a counsellor who can provide counselling for any member of the school community including children, parents and staff, with a referral from a GP. Our counsellor is Margaret Bailey. She visits the school on Tuesdays and can provide up to **ten sessions** of counselling which are bulk billed to Medicare. The school covers the gap fee.

If you believe this could be beneficial for you or your child, please collect the relevant forms from the information display, just inside the office door. For further information, please check with Lee.

UNIFORM

Please remember to clearly label all items of clothing your child wears to school. The school sells most items of school uniform and stocks both new and some second hand items.

Please come to the office to make purchases as required. We welcome donations of uniform that children have grown out of and these can be washed and dropped off to the office at any time. **HATS & SUNSCREEN**

A reminder that school policy and departmental guidelines requires all students to wear a sun-smart hat when UV Levels are higher than 3. School hats are available from the office.

We encourage you to apply sunscreen to your child before school. We have sunscreen available if they need to reapply during the day.

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

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SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.



When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **Central** fire weather district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and completed works that will prepare our school site for the threat of fire.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Central fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Central fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with this advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by the XUNO app.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.

Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.

All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.

School camps and excursions will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.

Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking the XUNO app, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

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 due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

You are advised to enact your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.

If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here: VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226) Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au> Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>) Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>) ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters.

GENERAL INFORMATION

UPDATING RECORDS

It is important that all details we hold for your child at the school and for Out of School Hours Care are current and correct. If you have updated your mobile number, email address or postal address, changed employment or employee please advise the office by email or phone. Changes can be done by using XUNO or emailing the school. tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au

FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

We welcome feedback when we are doing a good job and when you think there is something that might be improved. If there is a classroom problem, please talk first to your child's teacher. The staff emails are listed earlier in this newsletter.

If the problem is not resolved, please speak to the principal, Lee MacDonald. The Complaints policy is on our school website if you need extra information. www.tyldenps.vic.edu.au

PERSONAL GOODS BEING BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal Items/property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. The DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

VISITORS' SIGN-IN REGISTER AT OFFICE COUNTER

As part of our emergency procedures, we have a Visitors' Register at the office counter. Visitors who are staying for 15 minutes or longer must sign in at the office so there is a record of who is on the premises in case of emergency. This includes parent helpers who might be assisting with classroom programs.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Scholastic book club is one way the school fundraisers to purchase books for our library.

We participate once a term and there is usually a two week turnaround from the due date. If you order the books as a gift and you do not want you your child to see them, could you advise the office.

Payment can be made online using the scholastic Loop system, paying with your credit card, or **cash only** to the school. Please don't pay into the school account

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/> Ordering through LOOP, Click on Book Club Loop

Create an account if you don't have one, Add your child

Search school Victoria then Tylden Primary School in the drop down list, select the correct class group

**RM1 HAYNES, RM2 CROSBIE, RM3 DICKINS,
RM4 MILLER, RM5 BRACHER, RM6 FLENS**



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS (WWCC)

It is a requirement that parent helpers have a 'Working With Children' check. Those of you who are involved with sports clubs, youth groups or the like, will probably already have obtained your WWCC. There is no charge for a WWCC for volunteers, it just involves a bit of paperwork (and a photo). If you are a 'reading parent', or regularly help out with other class activities, a WWCC is required. Applications are done online and then processed through the Post Office. It takes a few weeks. You can name the school as the organisation where you volunteer, or another organisation if that suits you better. In the mean time, please continue to come along to school as usual. When your check comes through, take the card to the office so we can record the WWCC number. Please come to the office and have a chat about this if you have any questions. **Thank you for your co-operation with this requirement**

CAMPS & EXCURSION FUND

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

CSEF applications open from Term 1, 2024. Forms are available at the office. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year;
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Parents/csef.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE



TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR Saturday 23rd March



Start getting ready for the 2024 Tylden PS Fair

Now is the perfect time to start collecting items for the 2024 Fair. We will find that the Fair arrives very quickly once school resumes in the New Year. There are lots of things that don't take much time or effort, but will really help maximise the money we raise at next year's Fair. Why not try one or more of these ideas?

Preserve the excess fruit and vegetables from your garden

If you find yourself with a harvest that you can't use, please consider making jams, chutneys or other preserves that can be sold on the Produce Stall. Homemade items always sell well.

Trash and Treasure

Go through your house/shed and put items aside for the Trash and Treasure Stall. Pop them into a box and set them aside in the shed until March. One person's trash is someone else's treasure.

Craft items

All the incredible items sold at our Craft Stall are made by talented parents and other members of our school community. If you are crafty and have some time, please consider making something you can donate to the Craft Stall.

Mystery Jars

You make a Mystery Jar by saving and washing a glass jar and then filling it with inexpensive but desirable items. Children love them! Try filling the jar with small toys, marbles, plastic dinosaurs, bouncy balls, tiny racing cars, pencils, erasers, hair clips and ties, children's 'jewellery' or similar. Closer to the day you can fill jars with packaged lollies too! We usually have a few hundred to sell, and the number depends on your generosity.

Re-gifting

Christmas time can be re-gifting time! Excess or unwanted gifts from Christmas? Why not save them up and then re-gift them to the Silent Auction or the Trash and Treasure Stall.

Sponsorship & donations needed

Right now, we are seeking businesses to sponsor a ride at the Fair. The rides cost quite a bit of money to hire. If they are sponsored with a donation, this increases the profits for the school. Can you or one of your contacts help?

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night Friday 23rd February 3:30—5.30pm

Name: _____

Our family would love to come to the Family Fun Night!

Number of adults _____

Number of children _____

Number needing a vegetarian BBQ option _____

Number needing a gluten free option _____

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The School Council runs our OSHC program on a not for profit basis. It complies with all federal and state regulations and is a high quality service. OSHC staff are all fully qualified and operate an excellent program. The coordinator is Hannah Lawrence. Our school offers both Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care. (ASC). The fees are set by School Council and are currently \$24 per session for casual booking and \$26 per session for permanent bookings. OSHC programs operate under the National Quality Regulations. Our service uses the “Fully Booked” administration system, and the fortnightly bills include all rebates each family is entitled to receive. The Tylden PS OSHC service was established to meet the needs of our families. However, our OSHC program will only remain viable if school families continue to need and use it. The financial performance of the OSHC service is monitored closely by the School Council Finance Committee.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC)

After School Care (ASC) operates every afternoon 3:30 to 6 pm. Please ring the school office to book children into the service. Children attending are provided with afternoon tea and then they participate in indoor and outdoor activities under the guidance of our trained staff.

ASC bookings and cancellations must be made by **12pm on the day of the required session**. Like childcare centres, ASC fees are charged if the session has not been cancelled by the required time.

SHORT AND LONG SESSIONS OF BEFORE SCHOOL CARE (BSC)

The school runs both short and long sessions of Before School Care (BSC) daily. In BSC, children are provided with breakfast and then participate in activities under the guidance of trained staff.

- The short session of BSC costs \$10 and caters for families who only need care between 8am—8:40am. The short session especially assists parents/carers who need to get to work or to pre-school drop off, and find the 8:40am school arrival time awkward.
- The long session of BSC provides care between 6:30am—8:40am and costs the full rate of \$26 (for \$24 for permanent bookings.)

BSC bookings are essential and cancellations for all BSC sessions must be made by **12pm on the day prior to the required session**. Like childcare centres, BSC fees are charged if the session has not been cancelled by the required time.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria

and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

Our School Values are: Integrity—Personal Best—Kindness—Resilience—Creativity

Tylden Primary School is a Child Safe School.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2023
EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING FOR KIDS

Every Wednesday
4pm-5pm/5.15pm
Tylden, 10 mins from Woodend
Kyneton and Trentham

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

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Individual and shared sessions also available by appointment

Fun activities with horses that help with life skills such as regulation, anxiety, movement, social interaction & confidence
**CALM - AWARENESS - BOUNDARIES - HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
POSITIVE THINKING - FEELINGS - FACING CHALLENGES**

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@TyldenProm and Tylden Cronies Events present

PROM Valentines **ROCK N ROLL DANCE**
FOR EVERYONE
Tylden Hall **FRI 16 FEB** 7pm - 11pm

LICENCED **BAR** **\$10**

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH - 10:30AM
READING - CRAFT - BOOK SIGNING

A bush ballad for bedtime...

Night Watch

JODI TOERING TANNYA HARRICKS

MEET THE AUTHOR - JODI TOERING

TERM 1 AT THE WOODEND NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE 

WOODEND YOUTH SPACE TERM 1 Young people aged 12 - 17 welcome! FORTNIGHTLY ON TUESDAYS 4PM - 5.30PM FREE	BEE CREATIVE 8+ YEARS OLD WEDNESDAYS 4.15PM-5.15PM WEDNESDAYS (8 WEEKS) 4.15PM - 5.15PM \$96
YOGA FOR TWEENS TEENS AND PARENTS WEDNESDAYS 6PM - 7PM WEDNESDAYS (8 WEEKS) 6PM - 7PM \$240 FOR TEEN AND PARENT	CREATIVE YOGA FOR PARENTS & KIDS TERM 1 WEDNESDAYS (8 WEEKS) 4.30PM - 5.30PM \$240 FOR CHILD AND PARENT

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