



# TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Issue No 1

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017

### DATES

Feb 6 – MARC van

Feb 13,14,16,17,20,21 - 4-6 Swimming

Feb 21 – School Council

Feb 22 - 4-6 Swimming sports

Feb 28 – Cluster Day at Trawalla

Mar 8 - Cluster day at Amphi

Mar 13 – LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

Mar 16 – Cluster Day at Natte Yallock

Mar 16/17 – Years 4-6 overnight Leadership camp at Natte Yallock

Mar 31 – Athletics Sports at Llanberris

Mar 31 – Last day of term 1

Apr 18 – First day of term 2

Foundation (prep) students are to stay home on Wednesdays throughout February to avoid them from becoming over tired.

### Trawalla 2017 Leadership Team

This morning our students voted and we are very excited to announce:

School Captain  
Nick Walker



Sports Captain  
Dan Roberts



School Council – Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm

Scholastic Book Club – New brochures are attached please return orders to Kate by Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017.**

We currently have 10 students. Our new foundation student Alyssa has settled quickly and happily into the routine of school.

Zoe Lourey is teaching the F-3 class this year and Kate Morcombe is teaching grades 4-6. Peta is teaching Japanese via video conference to 14 schools. Janis Swan is our business manager, Janis works in the school on Mondays and Tuesdays. The school newsletter is sent home every Tuesday with the eldest child in the family. Families interested in receiving the newsletter via email please email the school on [trawalla.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:trawalla.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with newsletter as the subject.

After lunch each day the school will run as one class F/6. Throughout the week these groups will be taught subjects including Japanese, Science, P.E., Art, PATHS, Personal Learning and Humanities.

## **School Fees**

All students have been issued with stationery, books and computer subscriptions for 2017. The cost to families is \$80 per child. Attached is the itemised document which outlines the charges and method of payment. Families are asked to pay these costs by March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Thanks to those who have already made this payment.

## **Student Code of Conduct**

Attached to today's newsletter is a copy of the Trawalla Student Code of Conduct which outlines the rights and responsibilities of students, staff and parents. The playground and classroom rules are clearly outlined along with the consequences for breaches of the Code of Conduct. Students will be issued with a discipline notice ("a pink slip") if a student's behaviour is deemed to be severe as outlined in the severe clause/suspension part of the Code of Conduct. In the event of a pink slip being sent home, parents are to discuss the behaviour with the child and return the signed "pink slip" to school the next day.

Parents are asked to read and discuss the Code of Conduct document with their children. Attached to this newsletter is an agreement white slip for each student that has a place for parents and students to sign to state that all parties agree to conditions of the Code of Conduct. Please return the signed agreement to school.

**MARC Van** – This year we have a new teacher, Mr Compston will be visiting Trawalla on Mondays, his first visit is next Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any overdue books from last year please bring them along to give to Mr Compston on Monday.

Students are to bring all MARC van books in a waterproof library bag.

## **WATER BOTTLES**

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle for use in class. Cordial is not to be drunk in class.

## **FRUIT BREAK**

Students are asked to bring fruit for fruit break at 10am each day. For example some grapes, cut up apple or carrot, banana.

## **HATS**

Congratulations to all the students who remembered to bring and wear hats on the first few days.

As we are a Sun Smart School hats are to be worn at all times during term 1. Trawalla logo hats are available to purchase for \$12 from the office.

## Diaries

Diaries are to be used as a means of communication between home and school. Teachers check diaries each morning for notes from home. Parents are invited to comment daily about their child. For example, 'Gerry is a bit tired this morning he didn't sleep very well' or 'Anna is in for a great day!' Teachers enjoy hearing from home and knowing that parents have taken the time to check the diary and helped their child with their homework and reading.

## Camps Sports Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Forms to apply for the CSEF Fund for Financial Assistance are available at the Office. To be eligible families must have a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent.

## 4-6 Cluster Leadership Camp

The Principals of the 7 schools have been working together to provide students wider opportunities to develop friendships and leadership. We are once again conducting an overnight camp for students in grades 4,5 & 6, to be held at the Natte Yallock school on Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. This is the evening of the Natte Yallock cluster day which will mean that the 4-6 students will attend the cluster day as usual and then stay on for the sleep over at Natte Yallock. Kate will be attending this event with the students and bring them home by her car by 3.30pm the next day. The cost per student for this activity is \$10.00 to cover 3 meals and snacks. More details to follow. Contact Kate for more details.

# 2017 Swimming Program ~ Grade 4-6

The school swimming program will commence at the Beaufort Pool on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2017**. As in other years to facilitate the successful running of the program we require the generous help of parents to take small groups with support. Without parents we cannot meet adult to child ratios and cannot run the program. If you are able to assist at any time would you please let Kate know available days by **Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of FEBRUARY**. The program will run for six days, with the Swimming Carnival to be held on **Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February**. We will negotiate a fall-back date should the 22<sup>nd</sup> be unsuitable.

Week 1	13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Week 2	20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Week 3	<b>CARNIVAL 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>

The cost will be **\$25 per student**. Please complete the permission/medical/assistance forms and then return them with payment to school.

*\*Please contact the office if payment arrangements need to be made*

- **PLEASE NOTE:** A family ticket does not cover the cost of the Swimming Program

The swimming program is about making your child safe in and around cold water. **IT IS NOT ABOUT LEVELS**. Levels however, give an indication of progress and how far each child is capable of going. Therefore if your child has an **Aqua Pass Book** could they please bring it to school by the 1st of February.

Children will be provided with sunscreen but children (and parent helpers) **must** wear a t-shirt or rashie top whilst swimming.

Permission forms and payment slip are attached for years 4-6 students please return to school.