



TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday, 7th February, 2017

DATES

Mar 8 - Cluster day at Amphi

Mar 10 – Year 6 Come & Try day at Beaufort SC

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

PATHS STARS

Alyssa Palmer

Dallas Smart

Reading Awards

Congratulations to Alyssa Palmer for completing 25 nights reading.

Drink bottles

This week is forecast to remain very hot. I ask that all students bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. This way we can ensure that the students stay hydrated in the warm weather.

Absence Days

It is vital that all students attend school every day. Students cannot learn if they are not at school. If a student is away they are marked as absent on the school roll. A reason for the absence must be recorded with the absence. The school needs to know where students are at all times. If your child is going to be away the school needs to know why. This information can be sent as a text to Kate on 0408 519914 or ring the school on 5349 2047 on the day that the student is absent. If the school is not notified by 9.30am of a reason for the absence, the school will ring parents/guardians to find out where the student is and why they are not at school. In previous years our school has recorded very high absence data, in particular a lot of days were coded as unexplained absences. Our aim is to lower the absence data for 2017 and onwards. We look forward to your assistance with the matter.

Japanese Visitor

Ayako leaves us this weekend we have loved having her here. She has a bubbly personality and has mixed in well with all of the students.

Ayako has been amazing, she has worked with our school, taught at cluster days and has visited other schools that Peta teaches Japanese to via video conferencing. Thanks for all you have done for Trawalla Ayako and a big thanks to Peta, Ken and Sachi for hosting Ayako.

Family BBQ and JSC Business Day

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22ND 2016

3.30 START

AT TRAWALLA SCHOOL

- Bring lots of 50c and 20c coins to spend at the stalls.
- Family and friends welcome to join the fun.

Stalls designed and run by students in year 4-6.

BBQ will follow. Meat provided

Bring a salad to share.

Students will be selling dessert items at their stalls instead of parent bringing dessert.

Cluster days

Tomorrow we attend our next Cluster day for this term. The bus leaves Trawalla PS at 9.00 am and returns in time for bus time. All students will need a packed lunch, drink bottle, running shoes and hat.

Please return signed parent permission form as it is required prior to the excursion.

Cluster Days for term 1 are:

Wednesday, March 8 – Amphitheatre PS

Thursday March 16 – Natte Yallock

(Overnight leadership camp for years 4,5&6)

Japanese Cooking

Yesterday the students cooked Japanese curry and participated in a number of activities with Ayako, Riko (who visited our school last year) and two other Japanese visitors. Our room is full of origami foxes and cranes as well as the smell of Japanese curry!

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 16th 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.

Students are camping over night, they need a swag or mattress and bedding. If anyone has a small tent that would be great too.

The clothing list is attached for students in years 4-6.

Headlice

We need all families to regularly check and treat children who have headlice.

Students are to be treated and lice and eggs removed before children attend school.

This will assist our school to be headlice free.

Camps Sports Excursions Fund (CSEF) - Reminder

Forms to apply for the CSEF Fund for Financial Assistance were attached to the last newsletter. To be eligible families must have a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

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 28th, 2017. Thanks to those who have already made this payment.

School Council Elections

School Council nominations/elections will be conducted over the next 2 weeks. Please consider becoming a council member and take part in deciding directions of our school. Council positions are for 2 years.

Parents who are mid-way through their term:

Cameron Keenan
Zoe Lourey (DEECD)

Parents who will retire or are up for re-election:

Leanne Roberts

Co-opted member 2015-2016*

Jeff Smith - Community Member

Deb Stannaway - Community Member (*These positions is fill on a year by year basis by the council itself.)

For 2017 we have 5 parent positions to be filled.

The term of office will be 21/3/17 to 21/3/19. I have attached an information sheet about being a School Council parent member.

Please consider completing the self-nomination form attached to this newsletter.

Closing date for nominations is 4pm on March 14th, 2017.

2015 Election Timeline:

Notice of election and call for nominations: Tuesday, 28th February

Close of nominations: Tuesday, 14th March (4.00 pm)

Distribution of ballot papers via newsletter (if required) Wednesday, 15th March

Election closes: Tuesday, 21st March (3.30 pm)

Declaration of Poll Results: Tuesday, 21st March

First meeting of 2017-2018 School Council** Tuesday, 21st March

** The co-opted members will be appointed at the first meeting of the 2017-2018

*****Thanks for those who have returned their nomination forms. There are still some places available if you wish to join council.