

# TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

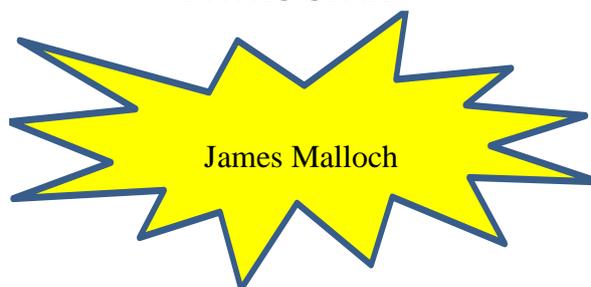
## Issue No 15

Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

### DATES

May 24 – CAFS session 1  
May 29 – MARC Van  
May 30 – Cluster Day at Landsborough  
May 31 – CAFS session 2  
June 1 – Inter school Football  
June 6 – CAFS session 3  
June 7 – Cluster Day at Moonambel  
June 9 – JSC Worldwide Food Court Day  
June 12 – Queen's Birthday Holiday  
June 15 – CAFS session 4  
June 19 – CFA visit  
June 20 – School Council @7pm  
June 23 – Cluster Bushdance fundraiser  
June 27 – MARC Van  
June 30 – Japanese Play "Bamboo"  
- Last day of Term 2

### PATHS STAR



We have rescheduled our weekly PATHS sessions to Friday afternoons. This gives the students the week to identify acts of kindness performed by the PATHS star. These will form the basis of the compliments given to the Star in the PATHS session.

### Students of the Week



**Alyssa Palmer** – For trying really hard in writing and forming letters correctly.

**Lochi Treuer** – For showing good teamwork & skill at Petanque at Avoca.

### Petanque

Last Wednesday the students in years 4-6 travelled to sunny Avoca to participate in the annual Petanque tournament hosted by the Avoca Petanque club. The students formed teams of 3 and played 3 matches for the day. Our two teams played well with some wins and some losses. There were ten schools represented on the day and our school was lucky enough to be awarded a set of boules for the school to use to practice Petanque for next year. Thanks to Kate and Sharleen for assisting with the travel and to Mrs Hicks from Navarre for organising the event.

**MARC Van** – The MARC van will visit next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Students are to bring a waterproof library bag.

### Cluster Days

Term 2 Cluster days will be:            May 30 at Landsborough PS  
   June 7 at Moonambel PS

Please sign the attached permission form and return prior to Landsborough Cluster day.

## **CAFS Sessions years 4-6**

Our school will be participating in the **create—respect** primary school program. We will have four free sessions here at school on May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. It is designed to unpack attitudes and beliefs that get in the way of respectful interactions. Using guided conversations, writing, drawing and role plays students will have the opportunity to explore fresh ways of looking at themselves and the world and practise techniques that can lead to informed, respectful relationships. Some of the topics covered are drawn from the Department of Education and Training's Respectful Relationship Program which include:

- **Emotional Literacy**
- **Personal Strengths**
- **Positive Coping**
- **Cyber Safety**
- **Bullying**
- **Positive Gender Relations**

The sessions will be delivered by experienced workers from the CAFS Family Services Team. Each session will be weighed with a blend of gentle probing, humour, and explorations of relationship interactions. There will be an art component—mandalas and free drawing and other therapeutic activities and tools will be offered. Teachers and support staff are encouraged to observe the sessions and join in the debrief at the end of each session. Session facilitators will strive to create a safe and caring, child-focussed environment—being mindful of children's individual experience with the subject matter.

During the session facilitators will be attuned to children's behaviours and interactions with a mind to assessing children who may be at risk and in consultation with school staff devise a plan for further work—which could involve referrals to support organisations or to CAFS Family Services—which offers wrap-around family support and case-management.

The facilitators bring to the work a wealth of experience working with primary and secondary schools and with families, youth and children with family violence, trauma and attachment issues.

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### MARC Van History Lessons

We have been continuing our discussions on War and the effect that it has on the families at home. Some classes have been talking about the differences between Graphic Novels and Picture Story books, while others have been exploring Cinquain Poetry and writing some fabulous poems showing their depth of understanding. The junior grades talked about ANZAC Biscuits. We discussed why they are so significant in our history. We talked about soldiers' uniforms and how they took pride in keeping them nice, with polished boots and buckles and how they felt when they received parcels from their families at home. We learnt some of the old War Ditties that helped boost the morale of the soldiers. There were lots of book returns this time which was fabulous.

Mrs Wynen and Mr Compston  
MARC Van Teachers



### BIG WRITE

The topic for this is to write a factual recount of a recent news article. The prompt this week has photos of the girl who was grabbed by a sea lion in Canada and the MONSTER tiger snake that was filmed by bushwalkers near the Great Ocean Road. Students have watched these news items at school on the internet. Feel free to re watch them at home to support your Big Write talk for this week.

Please take the time to chat to your children about this topic to ensure they have ideas to write about on Thursday morning.

### Woorabinda Camp

Students in years 4 and 5 have the opportunity to attend a five day camp, Woorabinda. The camp is run in conjunction with Somers Camp and is designed to prepare students for longer camping experiences.

CAMPS DATES: 17/07/2017 to 21/07/2017

COST PER CHILD: \$190.00

Contact Kate for more details.

### Students Attitudes to School Survey

#### WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance. Students from Year 4, Year 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in term 3. No student can be identified in the results reported to schools or in any other report of the data. Last year we used the survey results as part of our school review process. Helping us to identify areas to improve for the future.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 22 May to Friday 2 June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information or visit the Department of Education and Training website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>.



### Food for Thought

At times it is difficult to put food on the table when a lot of bills come in at once.

The Food Pantries in Avoca and Beaufort enable people to 'get a hand up' when those times arise.

At the food pantry, registered participants can obtain a food hamper, usually consisting of non-perishable foods, free of charge. These foods are generally a mixture of general use foods, pasta, tinned fruit, tinned fish, sauces, long life milk, and any additional stock items available that fortnight. Sometimes fresh and frozen products are available as well.

When you register with the food pantry you will be asked to indicate whether you are a single person or a family, and you will be issued a hamper with goods according to those criteria.

The hamper does NOT contain fresh food. No health care card is required.

Your participation in the food pantry is confidential, whilst you will need to give your family details, this information will not be passed on to anyone else

The food pantries are open fortnightly, on Fridays between 1.00-3.00 PM, and are located in the community health building in Liebig Street, Avoca, and the Community Resource Centre in Beaufort.

The dates for the next term for the Avoca Branch are: **June 2; 16 & 30 and July 14 & 28**

For information about the Beaufort Branch dates please contact the Beaufort Resource Centre

We can be contacted through the Avoca Community information Centre on 54651000 or the Beaufort Resource Centre on 53491180. Staff there will take your name and contact one of our volunteers, who will return your call usually within 2 working days.

### Fairy Wrens

Vacancies are available in Fairy Wrens Girl Guides for 6 – 10 year old girls.

The Fairy Wrens meet every Wednesday during school terms from 5pm to 6.30pm at the Beaufort Guide Scout Hall, on Raglan Road.

We cover many challenges, we encourage the girls to become self-confident, leaders in their communities, and mostly we have a fun time.

The Fairy Wrens enjoy many activities including campfires, indoor/outdoor cooking, hiking, community service, first aid, crafts, games and much more.

For further information please call Allison Nugent on 0424 653 052, Sharon Roxburgh on 0409 592 011 or Cara Lovejoy on 0404 830 041. Alternatively, girls are welcome to turn up on a Wednesday night from 5pm.