



TRAWALLA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Issue No 16

Monday May 29th, 2017

DATES

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 Bush dance 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



Charlotte Wright – For trying hard with writing and reading at home.

Clayton Treuer – For working independently and quickly in spelling. Well done!

Welcome Kelly, Tanya & Nick

Today we welcome new faces to Trawalla. Kelly is working as an education support person in Zoe's room for 2 hours each day. Tanya started last week working three days a week supporting students in the 4-6 room and Nick is a third year Federation University teacher who will be working in the 4-6 room for three weeks. We welcome them all and hope that they enjoy their time with us here at Trawalla.

Cluster Days

Term 2 Cluster days will be tomorrow –

May 30 at Landsborough PS.

Followed by, June 7 at Moonambel PS

Students will be participating in Bush dancing, art and Japanese lessons.

Please sign the permission form if attached and return for tomorrow (thank you to parents who have completed the form).

Scholastic Book Club – Please return orders to Kate by Friday, June 9th

Cluster Bush Dance

The Cluster schools are working together to raise money for the students attending the Canberra camp this year. We are running a Bush Dance on Friday July 23rd and it would be fantastic if all families and children could attend this fun night.

I have attached a flyer with further details. Tickets can be purchased from Kate for the evening. Families are also asked to supply a plate of food for supper. Lets all get behind this fundraiser and make it a great night.

CAFS Sessions years 4-6

Our school will be participating in the **create—respect** primary school program. We will continue our free sessions here at school on May 31st, June 6th and June 15th. 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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BIG WRITE

The topic for this week is to write a factual recount of a recent news article. The prompt this week has details of a (fake) incident at school regarding twisties. Students are encouraged to be creative about what the details of the incident may have been and write a newspaper report on the details.

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.

Beaufort and District Op Shop Donation

Today we had a visit from Lyn Gilbert; she was representing the Beaufort and District Op Shop. Lyn presented our School Captain Nick Walker a cheque for \$2100.00 to assist the students going on the Cluster Canberra Camp.

On behalf of Trawalla Nick thanked Lyn for this generous donation.

