



# TRAWALLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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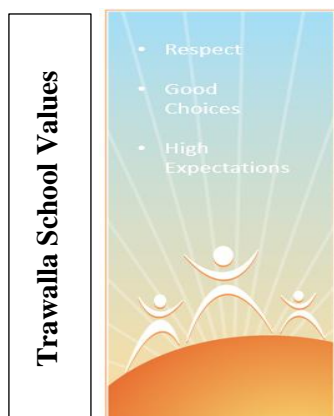
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**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020**

## DATES

Fri July 31<sup>st</sup> – MARC van  
Fri Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - MARC van  
Tues Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – School Council  
Fri Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – MARC van  
Fri Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – MARC van  
Fri Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 3 - 2.30pm dismissal

## Trawalla School Values Awards



**Sienna Shepherd** - For showing **High Expectations** by completing her work.

**Charlotte Wright** - For showing **Respect** by playing by the rules and helping others.

**James Malloch** - For making **Good Choices** by joining in all class activities and completing all set tasks.

## Mid-Year Monitoring Survey

Thank you to all the families who responded to the survey I sent home last week. The information I received has formed part of my mid-year monitoring requirements for the Department of Education.

## School Council

We will meet at school on Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> from 7pm. We will meet in the big room. Please use hand sanitiser on arrival (provided).

## Bookclub

Issue 5 catalogues were attached to the newsletter last week. Orders are due back at school by Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## MARC Van

Our next visit from Kathy is Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember to return your books in a waterproof bag.

## Parenting Ideas

This week's insight from Parenting Ideas is "Developing young people's emotional smarts" written by Michael Grose.

### **COVID Update Term 3**

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government has introduced new measures to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

These measures do not apply to schools in regional and rural Victoria, including ours.

Our school will therefore continue to operate as normal from the start of Term 3 on Monday 13 July.

The health advice is that schools can continue to operate while observing health measures recommended by the Victorian Chief Health Officer.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and in going to and from school may do so.

If you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

There are still protocols to follow to ensure the safety of everyone here at Trawalla:

- Drop off time is still 8.50am.
- If you arrive after 9am and your child is not happy to walk into school on their own, ring the school and we will come out and meet you at the gate.
- Please stay at your own car at the end of the day, you may get out to wait for your child but please stay at your own car.
- Teachers will accompany students to the cars at the end of the day, we are available to chat at this time if you have any questions about the students' day

These continue to be challenging times and I will keep you updated on further information as soon as it is available.

### **The Big Room Update**

Welcome back to Term 3. In reading we are learning to improve our comprehension skills by self-monitoring as we read. We are also learning strategies to help understand what we are reading when meaning breaks down.

Some word attack strategies that we are learning include:

- Read on
- Read back
- Use the context to guess the meaning
- Use pictures, charts etc. for clues
- Look for a part in the word they already know (prefix, suffix, root)
- Use a dictionary
- Ask for help

We are learning how to write narratives this term and have been developing ideas that would make interesting stories. Yesterday the students started to plan a narrative to write tomorrow. In maths we are all learning multiplication. We have been working on arrays and skip counting so far this week. Daily spelling activities have students working on sound groups.

## **Japanese**

The lessons for Japanese continue to be delivered by Ken face-to-face each Thursday afternoon. The Japanese website is still being updated each week for anyone who is interested.

[www.japanese4schools.com.au](http://www.japanese4schools.com.au)



## **Webex Cluster Assembly**

We have not had an assembly this term. The principals are meeting next Tuesday via Webex to plan the assemblies for this term.

Each month the Pyrenees Cluster of Schools sponsors a new animal from the Halls Gap Zoo. This month we are sponsoring Meerkat Mo.

## **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program** [www.triplep-parenting.net.au](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au)

The Victorian Government has funded the online Triple P – Positive Parenting Program for all Victorian families. Families can access free expert parenting advice through the online program.

The program is relevant to families with children aged between 2 and 16 years and provides strategies to deal with specific challenges, such as building children's resilience and dealing with conflict.

It gives parents strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage positive behaviour
- take care of themselves as a parent
- feel confident they're doing the right thing.

Sign up to the Triple P program via their website [www.triplep-parenting.net.au](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au)