



# TRAWALLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **DATES**

Fri Oct 8<sup>th</sup>      *MARC Van with Kathy*  
~~Mon Oct 11<sup>th</sup>~~      ~~*Full STEAM Ahead @ Navarre*~~  
Tues Oct 12<sup>th</sup>      *Optometrist visit*  
~~Fri Oct 15<sup>th</sup>~~      ~~*Swimming*~~  
Fri Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>      *MARC Van with Kathy*  
~~Fri Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>~~      ~~*Swimming*~~  
~~Mon Oct 25<sup>th</sup>~~      ~~*Full STEAM Ahead @ Navarre*~~  
Wed Oct 27<sup>th</sup>      *Pupil Free Day – staff to Pleasant St  
Primary School - TBC*  
Fri Oct 29<sup>th</sup>      *Swimming*  
Tues Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>      *Melbourne Cup Day Holiday*  
Fri Nov 5<sup>th</sup>      *MARC Van with Kathy*  
Fri Nov 5<sup>th</sup>      *Swimming*  
Mon Nov 8<sup>th</sup>      *Full STEAM Ahead @ Navarre*

Fri Nov 12<sup>th</sup>      *Swimming*  
Mon Nov 15<sup>th</sup>      *Cluster Prin meeting – Kate away*  
Fri Nov 19<sup>th</sup>      *MARC Van with Kathy*  
Fri Nov 19<sup>th</sup>      *Swimming*  
Mon Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>      *Full STEAM Ahead @ Navarre*  
Fri Nov 26<sup>th</sup>      *Swimming*  
Tues Nov 30<sup>th</sup>      *Cluster Halls Gap Zoo trip*  
Mon Dec 6<sup>th</sup>      *Cluster Year 6 Graduation*  
Fri Dec 10<sup>th</sup>      *Swimming*  
Fri Dec 17<sup>th</sup>      *Last day of term 4 - 1.30 dismissal*

\*\*\*The items that have been crossed out are not going ahead or moved to a new date due to COVID



## **Retirement**

Today marks the official retirement of our much loved Business Manager, Janis Swan. Janis has been on long service leave up until yesterday. Yesterday I presented Janis with these flowers and a card to thank her and wish her a happy retirement. We have been unable to have any formal celebration due to COVID. Janis began her career working in schools at Brewster PS. Janis produced the weekly newsletter and supported the Principal. Brewster PS closed in 1994. In 2000, Janis was employed at Trawalla and worked here for 20 years. In that time Janis also worked at Windermere PS, Miners Rest PS and Waubra PS. Janis was a valuable staff member who was organised, adaptable, generous and kind. Congratulations to Janis on a wonderful career and thanks for all the wonderful support you gave to our school. We wish you a happy retirement with your family and your beautiful garden.

## Welcome back

It was wonderful to see everyone back at school yesterday, we enjoyed hearing about their holiday adventures. Term 4 has many fun events planned. We are booked in to attend swimming lessons at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre (see dates in the above calendar). At this stage swimming will not commence due to COVID restrictions however we will let you know when this changes. Cluster days at Navarre are on the back burner at the moment too due to COVID. We will conduct fortnightly assemblies via WebEx to connect with our cluster buddies. We also have a cluster trip to the Halls Gap Zoo pencilled in (fingers crossed we can attend this excursion).

A big thank you to all students and staff for remembering to wear hats when outside.

Thank you also to Jodie, Blake, Tanner and Hunter for working over the holidays to install the new outdoor sensory play space. This is a fabulous area and the students loved playing in the new cubby. Thank you also to Kylie for helping out with the painting. There is still more work to be done on this area during the term and we can't wait to see the finished play space!

## Glasses for Kids

The optometrist will visit next Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>. I have all the required paperwork. Students will have their eyes tested throughout the morning.

## Full STEAM Ahead

Due to COVID we are unsure of when we can meet as a cluster. The cluster will meet via WebEx for an assembly next Monday. This is an opportunity to catch up, have a sing along and celebrate any birthdays that have occurred since we last met. This term we plan to hold the FSA days at Navarre when COVID allows. The dates set are:

- ~~Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>~~
- ~~Monday October 25<sup>th</sup>~~
- Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup>

## NAPLAN –

Students in years 3 and 5 participated in Naplan testing in May 2021. Student reports on the 2021 NAPLAN are available to collect from the school. Please indicate via the student diary when you can collect this document.

## The 2021 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

\*\*\*\*\*Please complete the survey\*\*\*\*\*

- The closing date for this survey has been extended into Term 4.
- The survey can be completed over weekends and after hours.
- Parents who wish to complete this survey on a school computer can do so by contacting Kate.

### PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY LINK

<https://www.orida.com.au/parent>

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey link is the same for all schools and campuses.

**SCHOOL AND CAMPUS NAME – PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO SELECT THIS SCHOOL / CAMPUS ON THE SURVEY LOGIN PAGE:**

School Name: Trawalla Primary School

**SCHOOL PIN FOR SURVEY: 834592**

## Outdoor Sensory Play Space – Inclusive School's Fund

Thanks to those of you who have sourced some of the required items for our Outdoor Sensory Play Space. There are still some items that we are seeking donations for. If your family or friends have any of the below listed items that they could donate for our new play space, can you please let us know.

- Timber pallets/recycled timber suitable for making planter boxes
- Kitchen items such as pots, pans, cake trays, utensils, sieves, measuring jug/cups/spoons

## COVID-19 update

**QR Codes** – these are on display for visitors to use on entry.

**Face Masks** - As directed by the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the following advice applies to all school settings:

- School staff, visitors, parents and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a lawful exception applies.
- It is recommended that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.
- For communication purposes, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. It is recommended that face masks be worn while teaching wherever practicable.



Come join us for cooking club,  
every Wednesday afternoon  
after school , each week there  
will be a new recipe to create  
and enjoy.



EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
AFTER  
SCHOOL



Please share  
your recipes  
to OSHClub  
for us to try.

**BOOK NOW!**

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Before & After School Care



*Our students having fun exploring the new cubby, sensory wall and play area in the Sensory Play Space.*

