



# TRAWALLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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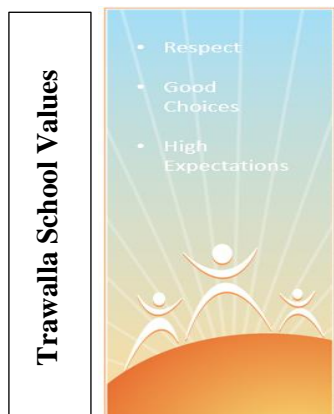
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## DATES

Wed Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Prep transition 9.00-11.00am	Thur Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
Wed Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher interviews p-6 - 3.30 onwards	Wed Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prep transition 9.00-12 noon
Thur Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming commences	Thur Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming
Thur Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent-Teacher interviews p-6 – 3.30 onwards	Fri Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van
Fri Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van	Mon Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation (TBC)
Wed Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Prep transition 9.00-11.30am	Wed Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Prep transition 9.00-12 noon
		Thur Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
		Thur Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
		Fri Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last School Day of the Year

## Trawalla School Values Awards



**Alyssa Palmer** - For showing **High Expectations** by mastering fractions of a group in Maths.

**Zavier Mountney** - For showing **Respect** by being quick to start set tasks.

**Lylah Hutchins** – For making **Good Choices** to work cooperatively in “writers workshop”.

## Reading Awards

Congratulations to:  
50 nights – Lylah Hutchins  
75 nights - Jackson Drew



## Swimming

We have a booking for the whole school to participate in swimming at the Eureka pool in Ballarat. It is an outside venue but the water temperature is 32 degrees. Dates are each Thursday, November 19, 26, Dec 3, 10 & 17. The 45 minute class starts at 12.30pm. Students will need to bring bathers, a rash top and towel. I suggest that they have warm clothes to put on after each session. Students will eat their lunch at 11.00am and have a snack when they return to school at 2.30pm. Students will travel to the pool in teacher's cars. Prep students will go with Miss H, the school has car seats that will be used for these students. The 2-6 students will travel with Kate.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

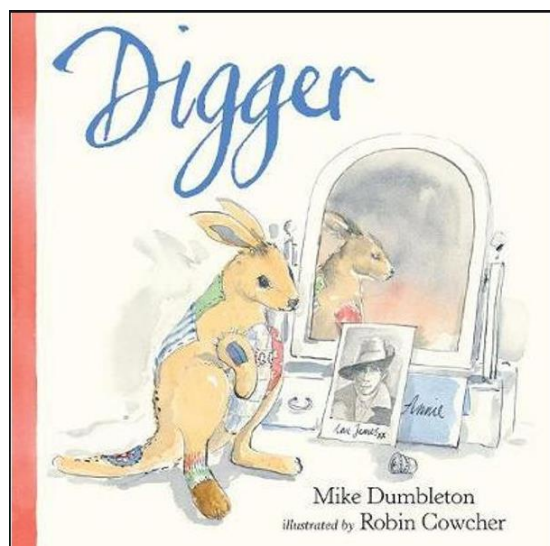
## **Prep Transition**

Prep transition will commence on Nov 18 and will continue for four weeks. In line with COVID restrictions the 2021 prep students will work with Miss H in the portable and the current prep students will work in the big room for the morning. The transition program is an opportunity for the new students to see what the classroom and school yard looks like. They will become familiar with the daily routine of school, this experience will contribute to a positive transition to primary school next year.

**Bookclub-** Issue 8 catalogues are attached. Please have orders returned to school by Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Remembrance Day**

Our School Captain, Charlotte led the school ceremony for Remembrance Day 2020. Charlotte and year 5 student, James also read a poem prior to the whole school pausing for one minute silence to remember the diggers who fought in the war. The students made poppies and read the story "Digger" by Mike Dumbleton.





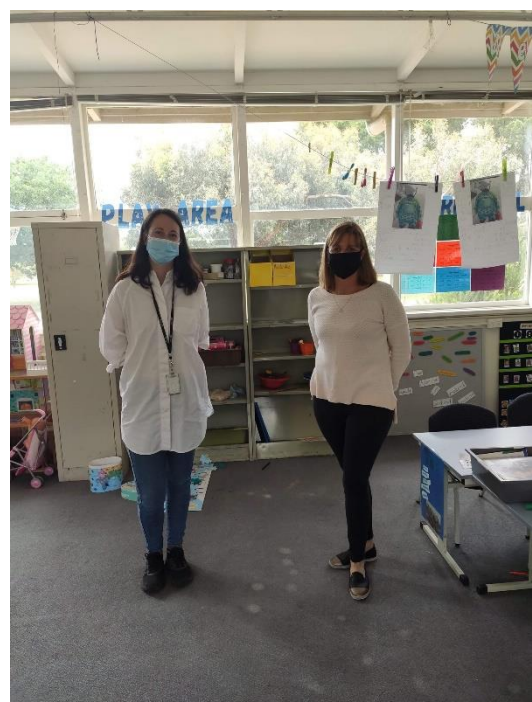
## **NAIDOC Week** - Always Was, Always Will Be

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Each year during NAIDOC week, communities all over Australia celebrate and recognise the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders within their local communities. The theme for NAIDOC Week 2020 is 'Always Was, Always Will Be', recognising that First Nations peoples have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to see, hear, learn about and embrace the history of this country which dates back thousands of generations. Last week the students worked with Miss H to explore Aboriginal culture by creating story stones and creating stories using symbols and using them to decorate boomerangs.



## **ABC News**

Last Friday the school was visited by a news reporter for the ABC. She is putting together a new item on small rural schools. Rhiannon Stevens interviewed Kate and took photos and videos of the students in class. The news item will also include the schools on Elmhurst and Warrenheip. The journalist was aiming to have a five minute news item to be shown on TV on either the ABC Breakfast program or the evening 7pm news. She will let me know when the item will go to air.



**COVID safe School reminders:**

- Students to arrive after 8.55am.
- Masks are to be worn while on school site.
- Parents to drop off and pick up from front gate.
- Visitors are to limit their time on the school grounds and use sanitiser in front corridor.
- Students will need a water bottle
- Bus travel is unaffected.
- Unwell students are to stay home. Students will be sent home if they become unwell at school.

**Practise good hygiene**

- All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Staff should direct or supervise young students or where required.
- Students should bring their own water bottle for use at school, as students should not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.
- Sharing of food should not occur.
- Use non-contact greetings (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing).
- Ensure the highest hygiene practices amongst food handlers where these services are operating, as per the Department's Safe Food Handling Guidance.

For more information:

- visit the Victorian Government website Coronavirus (COVID-19) roadmap to reopening
- visit the DHHS website frequently asked questions
- call the DET coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on 1800 338 663. This is available 8am to 6pm seven days a week.