



Trevallyn Primary School

TOPICS 2

14 February 2020

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 18 February

School Banking Starts

Wednesday 19 February

Grade 3 - 6 Assembly

Host - 5/6 Partridge

2:10pm Multi Purpose Room

Friday 21 February

Last day for Scholastic Book Club orders

Wednesday 26 February

Launceston Cup Day (students do not attend)

Thursday 27 February

School Association Meeting

7pm Staffroom

Braveheart's Session Kindergarten - Grade 2

Friday 28 February

Launching into Learning - Parent Child commences

Kindergarten rooms 9:00am - 10:30am

Friday 20 March

TASTE of Trevallyn

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1

Wednesday 5 February - Wednesday 8 April

Easter Break

Friday 10 April - Tuesday 14 April

Term 2

Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4

Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December

2020 Student free days

(Professional Learning Days)

Thursday 9 April

Monday 20 July

Friday 30 October

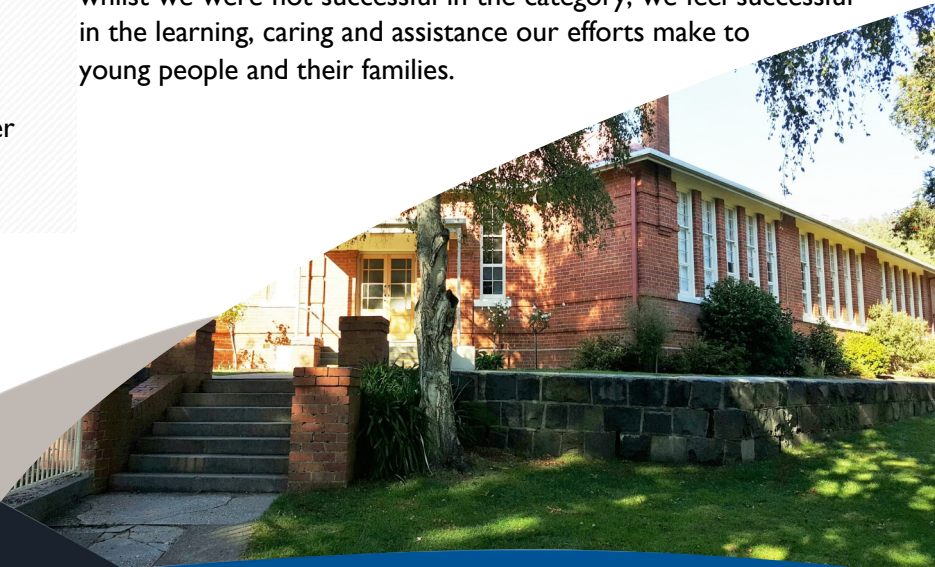
We now have all our Kindergarten students on board!

Their start has been so positive, smooth and a pleasure for all staff. What a big team effort and collaboration between home and school! Congratulations to parents, extended family members and staff. We could not have had a better start to their primary years of education.

A feature of Trevallyn Primary School is our celebration of diversity among our students and the wider community.

This means we embrace everyone regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, socioeconomic status, religion or race. Consequently, discrimination, harassment or bullying in any form is not tolerated in our school. Parents can assist by encouraging children to recognise and talk about differences and share their experiences. Please talk about tolerance and empathy and developing good relationships with others. Modelling tolerant and inclusive behaviour and language will have a huge and positive impact on your child. It would so be appreciated if parents can offer their skills, knowledge and talents to our school to help build a respectful and inclusive community. We will all be working together to ensure we have a safe, respectful and inclusive school, so that all students have the opportunity to be their best. At Trevallyn, your child will learn how to relate to all types of people, behave in different situations, say no to inappropriate behaviour and be confident and sure of themselves and their values.

I am sure you will be delighted to know that our **Be Brave and Shave** initiative was nominated by CANTEEN for the Community Event Award in the West Tamar Council Australia Day Awards. We greatly appreciate this acknowledgement and whilst we were not successful in the category, we feel successful in the learning, caring and assistance our efforts make to young people and their families.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to develop positive connections with Class Teachers as these are the key people for contact and support at TPS. This week many welcome letters have been shared that outline Class Teacher's preference for contact. If ever unsure, please ring the office and they will help you make an appointment. To help us get to know each other, please have a read of the staff profile section that will be a feature of upcoming newsletters.

Have a restful and great weekend everyone.

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THE VALUE OF READING

We would like to share our beliefs about the importance of reading. This belief underpins the work we do in classrooms and works best when in partnership with parents at home.

At Trevallyn Primary School, we believe that reading is a fundamental life-long skill which fosters:

- Personal growth and wellbeing
- Independence
- Imagination and creativity
- Curiosity
- Resilience
- A sense of belonging and connectedness to other people
- Communication and vocabulary development
- Pleasure



Reading underpins all learning across all curriculum areas. Reading develops vocabulary which is vital for educational success. Readers are able to build knowledge of and a connection to the world.

Last term you may have seen the Four Corners episode 'Digi Kids'. There are so many important messages given in this episode about the impact of devices and this includes us as adults especially. It is vital to consider what messages we are giving our children and what we can do to help their literacy development.

Here are some of the facts from this episode:

- By the age of 13, up to 30% of children's waking hours are spent in front of a screen
- Learning and concentration is hindered by having 'notifications' turned on
- Even students who enjoy reading are distracted from it when they hear a notification sound
- Children (and adults) need to question and think about what is on a screen and not accept it as fact
- Your children mimic what you do; if you are always on your phone, they think that's ok. When they see you read, they are more likely to become readers.
- The era of getting a decent job without having acceptable levels of literacy are over.
- Literacy has never been more important!
- You may like to watch the Digi Kids episode for more

<https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/digi-kids/11693706>

Rhona Stevenson - Literacy Coach



STAFF PROFILES



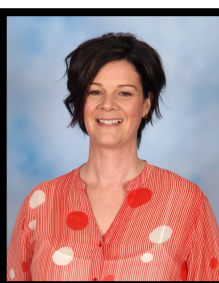
Mrs Susan Bender - 2-OB (Monday and Tuesday) and Support Teacher

Hello! My name is Susan Bender and this is my fourth year teaching at the wonderful Trevallyn Primary School. I take on two roles in the school. I teach Grade 2 and I am a Student Support Teacher. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, painting and going to cafes. I love spending time with my husband and three children and we often head to the beach for chill out time. I thoroughly enjoy teaching and love catching up with my Trevallyn School family during the week.



Mrs Emma Bolzonello - Prep-B

My name is Emma Bolzonello and this will be my fourth year of teaching Prep at Trevallyn Primary School. I am passionate about providing students with learning experiences that are rich and authentic and nurture play and inquiry. I like to live an active life and my interests include running, bush walking, camping, travel, walking my dog Poppy, art and craft and spending time with my family and friends. 2020 is going to be an exciting year for me, as I am looking forward to having a baby in July!



Ms Rhona Stevenson - Advanced Skills Teacher (AST)

I have been at Trevallyn Primary for 7 years now, teaching in the Upper Primary classes.

My roles this year are Literacy Coach, Middle Years Lead Teacher and Support Teacher. I work with teachers, students and other colleagues mostly in teaching and developing Literacy strategies. I like to keep parents updated about our beliefs and practices in Literacy through TOPICS and at assemblies. I also work with our student leaders and look forward to helping them develop their skills in leadership.

I have 2 children; a 15 year old boy who is even taller than me and a daughter in Grade Six. I also have a sausage dog called Tux who you may see me walking around Trevallyn.

REMINDERS

- **Launceston Cup Day - Wednesday 26 February - students do not attend school.**
- All Parents/Carers/Guardians/Volunteers entering the school within school hours must sign in at the school office.
- All Parents/Carers/Guardians/Volunteers wanting to be involved in an Excursion/Parent Help etc are required to hold a current **Working with Vulnerable People Card**. If you are attending an Excursion/Parent Help etc you must carry your card at all times and sign in/out at the office. **The office no longer holds card numbers on file.** Please contact the school office for more information.
- Please clearly name all items your child brings to school eg: clothing, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Class teachers will be assisting children to label unnamed drink bottles.
- For students safety, please keep school gates closed at all times.
- School Newsletter will be available via the Schoolzine app, limited hardcopies available at the school office.
- **Validation and permission forms have been sent home with students this week. Please complete and return to the school office no later than Wednesday 19 February.**
- A reminder to parents and carers if your child will be absent/late, please notify the school by 9:30am. You can do this via schoolzine, email: trevallyn.primary@education.tas.gov.au, in person or phone (6331 9657). Please do not email individual staff members. Please ensure that all parent contact mobile numbers are up to date.
- Invoices for school levies were sent to families in January and are due at the end of February. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange to pay levies by instalments.
- Students are reminded that if bringing a mobile phone/ipod/ipad to school, it must be signed in each morning at the school office.
- Crossing of Gorge Road is to occur only at the crossing.

School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.



CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery

2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$_____.

Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: _____ Frogs and _____ Butterflies.



Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's
Activity Book



Mini
Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

Answer: Activity 1: \$18. Activity 2: 10 Frogs and 11 Butterflies



IMPROVEMENTS IN GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

During the summer holidays many contractors worked to complete jobs to have our school looking great and ready for students, staff and families to return in 2020. Our EFA (grounds and cleaning) team worked tirelessly to ensure that tasks were co-ordinated both inside and out. You may have noticed some of these changes or updates –

- A block and the rear of B block have been repainted
- A block windows overlooking the basketball courts have been replaced and over 50 broken and cracked panes of glass have been replaced due to breakage in A block alone
- We have a new breakout room in A block near 5HH classroom
- New vinyl in A block kitchen, hallway and disabled toilet areas
- New bag boxes in A block for 5HH, 5FV and 5C
- Hooks from the internal bag rooms in Grade 1H and 1/2RW have been replaced by new bag boxes in the hallway outside classrooms (more learning space in classrooms)
- New seating – near Prep and in the courtyard outside 2N and 2OB
- Once again a huge thank you to Jo Beswick for the huge commitment that she made in completing the beautiful mural in the new Early Childhood Playground.



MOUNTAIN BIKE OPTION 5/6 SPORT

We are excited to announce Mountain Bike Riding as an option for 5/6 Sport on Friday afternoons in Term 1. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in a lifelong activity with excellent facilities available so close to school.

Due to regulations around student to adult ratios, I am looking for at least 2 parents to come along on Friday afternoons for Term 1 to allow us to take a group of 21 students.

The first session would be March 6 and you must hold a current Working with Vulnerable Persons (WVVP).

If you are interested and available Friday afternoons or would like more information, please contact me on zac.vedovelli@education.tas.gov.au or contact the school office with your details.

Mr Vedovelli



LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING



Launching into Learning

9:00am - 10:30 am

Kindergarten Classroom

Birth - 4 years

Come and join us for our first Session of LIL for 2020!

Friday 28 February

Come and join in the fun!!!

We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Coyle and Mrs Sergeant

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Relay for Life Market** - Trevallyn Bowls Club
Sunday 1 March
- **Carswell Coaching** - For more information contact Mathew Carswell on 6326 1020, 0417390261 or matcarswell@yahoo.com.au

ATHLETICS TRIALS

Today, all Grade 3 - 6 students began trials for the upcoming Athletics Carnival which will be held Tuesday, March 3 at Windsor Park. There will be additional information about the carnival in the coming weeks. Please ensure students from Grades 3-6 arrive to school on Fridays with their PE uniform.

Students from Grades 3-6 take part in trials for track and field events for the athletics carnival, allowing all students to get a turn at each event and gain some additional practice, as well as an opportunity to place students in running divisions to enable a smooth event on carnival day.

The trials will continue next Friday afternoon, 21 February with the following Friday February 28 having the Grade 3-4 students run the 800M and the 5/6 students run the 1500M. This event will count towards Carnival points and LSSSA representation as these events do not run on Carnival day.

Field events. The top 2 scores for each house plus the next 6 best scores will make the finals, to be held on the athletics carnival day. Trials do count as an event in which the children have participated in so house points will be awarded accordingly.

Running: Divisions for running will be created for all running events by timed 100m runs in PE lessons. LSSSA team will be selected from Division 1 races. LSSSA selection rules indicate that one person can enter 3 events plus the relay only.

If you have any questions, please see Mr Vedovelli at school or feel free to email him on zac.vedovelli@education.tas.gov.au

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Monday afternoons 2:30pm – 3:15pm and
Tuesday mornings 8:30am – 9:15am

CANTEEN OPENING HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



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