



## Trevallyn Primary School

## TOPICS I

12 February 2021

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Tuesday 23 February

Athletics Carnival - Grades 3-6  
Windsor Park

##### Wednesday 24 February

Launceston Cup Day (students do not attend)

##### Thursday 25 February

(Rain day) Athletics Carnival - Grades 3-6  
Bravehearts Session  
School Association Meeting

##### Monday 1 March

Hollybank Excursion Grade 3-4

##### Monday 2 March

Hollybank Excursion Grade 3

##### Friday 5 March

Launching into Learning - Parent Child commences  
Kindergarten rooms 9:00am - 10:30am

##### Tuesday 9 March

Fire Safety - Prep - Grade 6

##### Thursday 25 March

School Association Meeting

#### TERM DATES 2021

##### Term 1

Wednesday 3 February - Wednesday 31 March

##### Term 2

Wednesday 21 April - Friday 2 July

##### Term 3

Tuesday 20 July - Friday 24 September

##### Term 4

Monday 11 October - Thursday 16 December

#### 2021 Student free days

##### (Professional Learning Days)

Thursday 1 April

Monday 19 July

Friday 29 October

#### Welcome back to the new school year

Trevallyn School is a wonderful community to be a part of. We are so looking forward to working with you and your family to ensure every Trevallyn child has positive experiences that connect them to learning, supporting and developing their growth, aspirations, courage, respect for themselves, each other, their community and environment.

Trevallyn Primary School is the heart of this community. After meeting parents, grandparents, carers and the local community members, it is easy to see the love and commitment to our school. Thank you all for demonstrating understanding and contributing positively to our 'drop off and pick up' plans. We have refined these to continue COVID-19 safe practices, ensure a focus on children's learning and provide opportunities for families to participate actively in school. We will have information on pick up time with a focus on road safety for our students. If your child is in Kinder to Year 2, please keep an eye out for your email, and Facebook updates. Next newsletter we will detail how volunteering in classrooms will work in 2021. If you are interested in supporting children's learning please let your classroom teacher know.

Tuesday, 06 February was the e-Safety Safer Internet Day. As we continue to build larger digital footprints and are more connected online (especially during 2020), the impact on our children is growing both positively and negatively. Childhood development has a growing element of social connection that is online. Over the course of this year we would like to run workshops for parents and families on how to navigate this ever-changing world. **If you are interested in this topic** and would like specific topics to examine please let me know.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

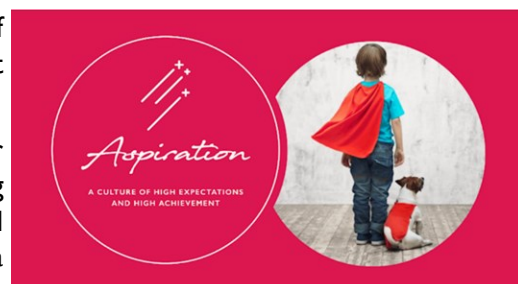


The e-Safety commissioner's website has a breadth of information and I encourage you to explore and share your learning with your children.

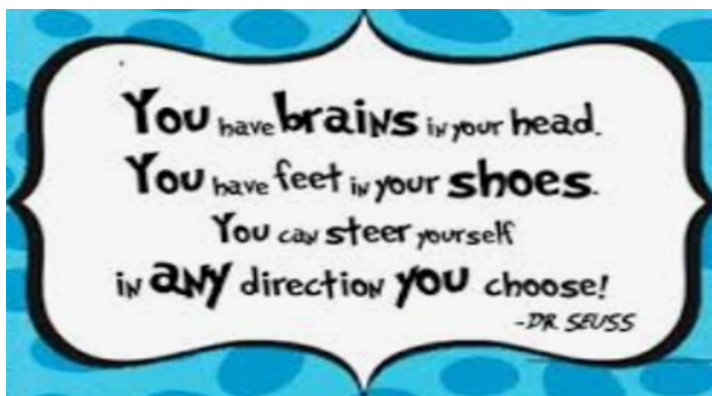
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/events/safer-internet-day-2021>

This term the Department of Education is focusing on the value of Aspiration. This term we will showcase this value in our work here at Trevallyn.

We know that the Trevallyn School community shares high aspirations for our children and as a result we support our students to do better. Young people's aspirations have a significant influence on both their educational attainment and their future life outcomes. This has been evident with a positive start and with parents and school working together to let our students know "You've got this"! Children from a young age develop the skills needed to develop resilience and take on challenges both academically and in life when they know the significant adults around them give the autonomy to be independent, confident, capable citizens. Our job is to continue to instil in our children, that passion, skills and effort will fulfill their aspirations. Angela Duckworth, a Professor in Psychology (and 7 grade maths teacher) shares her finding on how we can motivate children to take on challenges so they can achieve their potential. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H14bBuluwB8>



**It has been inspiring** to see our whole school community; parents, educators, students all working together to show each child that they have 'got this'. Showing them, we know they are **ready for learning** each day and in the words of Dr Seuss:



It's the small things that count, showing and letting our students know they've got this is a great way to start the year. Great work Trevallyn.



**Louise Corrigan**  
**Principal**  
**Trevallyn Primary School**

## MEET OUR NEW TEACHING STAFF



### **Amanda Horkings - 5 - 6 Horkings**

Hi, my name is Amanda Horkings and I am excited to be joining the Trevallyn Primary School community. I have worked at a number of schools including Lajamanu (in the Northern Territory), Beaconsfield and most recently at Norwood. In my spare time my partner and I enjoy travelling and at the moment this is mostly camping at beaches around our lovely state. The list of what I enjoy doing is long but what tops the list is gardening, cooking, reading and the St Kilda Football Club! My role this year is on a 5/6 class and I look forward to getting to know Trevallyn's students and families.



### **Angela Jane - 4 Jane**

My name is Angela Jane and I am excited to be joining the Trevallyn Primary School community. Most recently I have been teaching for the past four years at East Tamar Primary School. I live with my two daughters, Mattea and Luella. When we are at home we like to create and paint in my art room and we especially love going on adventures. Our last overseas trip together was to Ubud, in Indonesia and we can't wait to travel again.



### **Liv Meallin - Prep Meallin**

I am Liv Meallin and I am thrilled to be a part of the Trevallyn Community. This will be my first year teaching. I am passionate about children learning through inquiry and discussion. I am from Queensland (Gold Coast) and moved to Launceston two years ago. I have never looked back! Tassie is the most beautiful place; I feel so privileged to be living here. I am happiest walking with my Border Collie cross Kelpie (Bella) along the beaches at Binalong Bay and Scamander with my partner. I live in Trevallyn, love to play tennis, and stay active each day. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know Trevallyn's students and families during the year.



### **Sophie Ryan - 3 Ryan/Hay**

My name is Sophie Ryan and I am thrilled to be a part of the team at Trevallyn Primary School on Grade 3 Ryan/Hay. I have worked in a range of schools over the years, most recently Ravenswood Heights Primary School where I taught for six years. Prior to teaching I worked in a variety of diverse jobs, including as a roustabout, nanny, radio announcer, journalist and coffee van driver. I am looking forward to sharing my love of literature and creative writing with my students and unearthing their senses of humour! When not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family and hope to travel again in the near future.



### **Liz Clarke - Prep Clarke**

Hello, my name is Liz Clarke and I am so excited to be a part of the Trevallyn Primary School community. Everyone has been very welcoming and helpful already. I have been teaching since 2004 and have taught at a variety of age levels, but Preps are definitely a lot of fun! I have two children of my own who are in high school. We have two ragdoll cats and recently welcomed a Boxer puppy who is keeping us on our toes! I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone here.



### **Sarah Stenton - Prep/I Stenton**

Hi, I am Sarah Stenton and I am so excited to be teaching the P/I class at Trevallyn Primary School this year. I started teaching in 1995 and I have worked in a number of schools both as a classroom teacher, music specialist and in leadership roles covering Literacy, learning support and intervention from K-6. I live in Launceston with my husband, son and two dogs. My family are all musicians and enjoy playing in a range of musical groups in Launceston. I am passionate about nurturing children in developing skills to become life-long learners. I am looking forward to meeting the students and families of the Trevallyn Primary School community.



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### **Rhiana Mitchell - I Reid/Mitchell**

My name is Rhiana Mitchell and this is my first year teaching at Trevallyn. I live with a golden retriever named Dave along with my husband and one year old son. I love going on road trips with my family to the forests and beaches of Tasmania.

## **VALIDATION FORMS - URGENT AND IMPORTANT**

Validations and permission forms were sent home with children last week. Please return these forms to the school office asap, as we require the validations and permissions to be returned prior to children participating in excursions, 5/6 Sport or the Athletics Carnival, etc. If you have misplaced yours, please contact the school office.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Brochures for our Issue 1 of Book Club for 2021 have been sent home. Online orders processed via LOOP are preferred. Parents can select the gift order option when ordering online via LOOP (this is not a gift wrapping service). Books will be sent to the School Office for collection. Orders must be received no later than Friday 19 February. (No late orders will be accepted.)

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

A reminder to parents and carers if your child will be absent please notify the school by 9:00am, either via the Schoolzine App or by contacting the school office on 6331 9657. (Please do not email teachers).

## **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

Just a reminder to parents and carers that Trevallyn Primary School is an allergy awareness school. Please do not send any food to school that contains nuts or nut products. If there is a student in your class with a severe allergy, this information will be advised by the welcome letter from the teacher.

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking has returned for 2021. Banking will be every Tuesday, please send your child's bank book to class. If your child hasn't banked before and you are interested in joining, please head to your nearest Commonwealth Bank for more information.

## **VISITORS/PARENT HELP/VOLUNTEERS**

All Parents/Carers/Guardians/Volunteers entering the school within school hours must sign in at the school office and 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 does not hold card numbers on file. Please contact the school office for more information.

## **VISITORS TO SCHOOL**

Reminder for visitors to the school that anyone entering for the purposes of volunteering, , teacher meetings by prearranged appointment or any visitor working onsite must sign in at the office as the school is accountable for everyone onsite.

## **BIRTHDAYS IN THE CLASSROOM**

Due to Covid-19 protocols we cannot allow children to share food at school, which means no birthday cakes.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop orders can be placed via email: [tpsuniformshop@outlook.com](mailto:tpsuniformshop@outlook.com) or by telephoning 6331 9657. Orders will be ready for collection on a Wednesday from the school office.

## COVID-19 REMINDER

Please check Covid-19 updates when dropping off and Kiss & Go onsite. There is no need to sign in as you are onsite for 10 minutes. For major events we will have the Check in TAS App.

## COVID-19 SAFETY QR CODE

We encourage all parents to download the QR code (instructions attached), if you haven't done so already. We will be using this as a check in for nominated events.

- Assemblies
- Spectators at carnivals, etc

At other times you will need to continue to sign in at the Office if you will be in the school longer than 15 minutes. This would apply for volunteers, parent help and face to face parent meetings.

# Download the Check in TAS App Today

Download the APP from



- Download the Check in TAS App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
- Register your details (required for the first time only).
- Open the app, select 'check in now' and hover your smartphone camera over the venue's displayed QR Code.
- Add in any additional people who are with you.
- When the check in is complete, show venue staff the app successful check in screen.

Thank you for supporting COVID-19 contact tracing efforts and doing your bit to keep Tasmanians safe. Questions? Call the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738.

For further information visit  
[www.health.tas.gov.au/checkintas](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/checkintas)



## CHANGES TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP

### Drop off in the mornings:

All Trevallyn families are welcome to walk their children into school in the mornings. A quick “kiss and go” and “you’ve got this” outside their classroom door encourages them to have a positive start and gets them ready for learning.

### Remember:

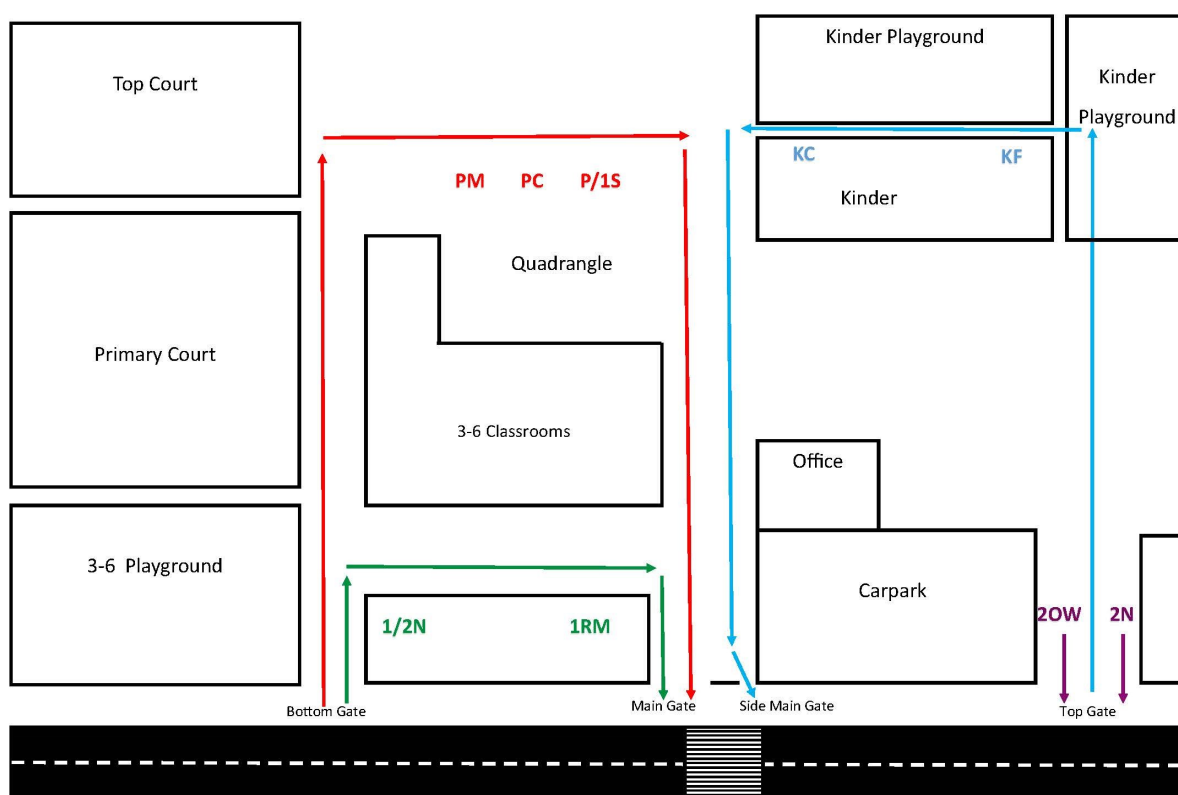
- If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice via the government COVID-19 site
- School starts a 9:00am, children should arrive prior to this and no earlier than 8:30am
- If you would like to meet your child’s teacher, please contact to arrange an appointment, and sign in at the office.
- ALL visitors on school site must sign in for meetings, volunteering, or working on site)
- Maximum time onsite for drop off to COVID-19 regulations must be less than 15 minutes

### Pick up in the afternoons (please note major changes):

Student and community safety are our priority. We always take this very seriously. The number of children outside the gate in the afternoon does not give the best visibility for teachers and families alike. Therefore, we are allocating pick up points in open areas of the school.

- If you have alternative arrangements for your child, please contact your classroom teacher
- If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice via the government COVID-19 site
- Please look closely at the map provided to where your child will be for a 3:00pm pick up
- Please follow the entry and exit directions on map to support everyone moving around the school the flow of foot traffic.
- Please be respectful of 1.5 metres physical distancing
- If you would like to meet your child’s teacher, please contact to arrange an appointment, and sign in at the office.
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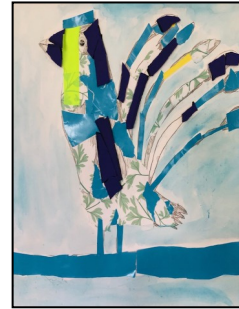
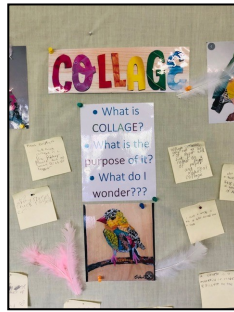
**\* Please note we want great connections with families and are working on opportunities to come into classrooms and engage with your child and their learning. We are still consulting with the athletics day venue. As soon as we have information about parent involvement, we will send this out to all families. Thank you all for your wonderful support. \***





### 3 BENDER/HUDSON COLLAGE

Grade 3 Bender/Hudson have been busy exploring collage.



### KINDER COYLE

First Kindergarten paintings



## 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.

The Four Corners episode 'Digi Kids' shares many important messages 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**

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

Invoices for 2021 school levies have been sent out to families.

If you haven't already done so please pay as soon as possible or contact the office to make arrangements to make part payments.

Please see invoices for payment options or payment can be made at the school office or by telephone.

## MAX FRY HALL - CLEANER REQUIRED

Max Fry Hall requires a cleaner. Please contact Mike Wright on [mike@wrightaroundoz.com.au](mailto:mike@wrightaroundoz.com.au)

## WOOLWORTHS DISCOVERY GARDEN



The Woolworths Discovery Garden promotion has begun. If you have any spare seeds please consider donating them to use in our Kitchen Garden Program.





## Trevallyn Primary School



### Launching into Learning 2021



We invite you to our Trevallyn Primary School Launching into Learning group. Our Launching into Learning group is co-ordinated by Sam Coyle (Early Years Teacher) and Sal Matthews (Teacher Assistant). This is a great way for you and your child/children to make friends and enjoy being part of our school community.

Launching into Learning sessions are held Fridays between 9am –10:30am in the Kindergarten. Children from birth to 4 years of age are welcome to come along and participate.

*Our first Launching into Learning session for 2021 will be Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.*

*We would love to see you there!*



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### STUDENT MOBILE DEVICES

Students are reminded that if bringing a mobile phone to school, it must be signed in each morning at the school office.

### NAMING OF CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Please assist teachers by naming all lunch boxes, drink bottles and clothing items.

### CONTACT DETAILS

55 Gorge Road

Trevallyn Tas 7250

Phone 03 6331 9657

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