



## TOPICS 16

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

### Trevallyn Primary School

8 June 2018

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 11 June**

Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

**Tuesday 12 June**

Grade 3 - 6 Assembly

Host - 3/4 Claxton

2:10pm Max Fry Hall

**Thursday 14 June**

I - Hepburn and I - Reid/Petrohilos Excursion

**Tuesday 19 June**

Prep - Grade 2 Assembly

Host - Prep Stanton

2:10pm - Multi Purpose Room

**Wednesday 20 June**

Early Childhood Cross Country

2:00pm - School Oval

**Tuesday 26 June**

Grade 3 - 6 Assembly

Host - 3 de Boer

2:10pm Max Fry Hall

2018 Tasmanian Primary All Schools

Cross Country - Symmons Plains Motorway

**Tuesday 3 July**

Whole School - NAIDOC Week Theme

1:40pm Max Fry Hall

**2018 TERM DATES****Term 2**

Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

**Term 3**

Tuesday 24 July - Friday 28 September

**Term 4**

Monday 15 October - Thursday 20 December

#### Friendship Skills

Michael Grose has been a leading parent educator in Australia. Recently I was reading one of his articles that discussed friendship skills. He reminds us that these skills are generally developmental, that is, that children grow into these skills with exposure to different situations and with adult help.

As parents you would be aware that children can be selective about who they play and mix with. Michael points out that popularity should not be confused with sociability. A number of recent studies have shown that appearance, personality type and sociability impact on a child's popularity at school. Easy going, talented children usually win peer popularity polls, but that doesn't guarantee they will have friends. Those children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.

**Here are the twelve essential skills Michael names as important for children to have for making and keeping friends:**

- Ability to share possessions and space
- Keeping confidences and secrets
- Offering to help
- Accepting other's mistakes
- Being positive and enthusiastic
- Starting a conversation
- Winning and losing well
- Listening to others
- Starting and maintaining a conversation
- Ignoring someone who is annoying you
- Cooperating with others
- Giving and receiving compliments



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

Three ideas suggested for assisting children to acquire friendships skills are:

1. **Encourage or insist that children play and work with each other.** Allowing children the freedom to be children is part of the message here. Parents sometimes have to construct situations where children have to get on with each other. For some children, “Go outside and play” is a good place to start.
2. **Play with your children.** Interact with your children through games and other means so you can help children learn directly from you how to get on with others.
3. **Talk about these skills.** If you notice your children need to develop these skills then talk about them, point them out when they show them and give them some implementation ideas.

I hope this information is helpful as we help our primary aged children move from being quite egocentric to developing a sense of ‘other’, so they can successfully negotiate the many social situations that they find themselves in.

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Congratulations to everyone on the positive and purposeful manner that **swimming and water safety lessons** have been approached in upper primary classes. This is a significant and big organisational activity for us all and the determination to improve and enjoy the challenge is a credit to everyone involved.

### Grade 5/6 Sport

It is a preference that all children return to school each Friday afternoon after 5/6 Sport as this enables us to follow our protocols and meet duty of care obligations. This is also necessary for communication purposes, as the students are mostly not with their Class Teacher.

If parents/carers who are spectating at 5/6 sport have an urgent need to sign their child out so that they do not return to school, we ask that you **firstly ring the school office and make necessary arrangements prior to talking with the supervising teacher.**

I hope Monday’s holiday gives everyone the opportunity to have lovely family time.



**Annette**

## EARLY YEARS OF SCHOOL - MATHEMATICS

### The Operations

Learning about number underpins our mathematics learning and parents are keen to be supportive of their children and to assist with their development, however, it can be difficult to know how to teach skills that, by the time you are an adult, have become so practised that there is no longer a need to think about them.

Learning mathematical concepts are important for children and children can actually find learning harder if concepts are not taught in a particular order. For example, memorising times tables and multiplication procedures before developing an understanding of multiplication means that students can carry out the procedure of multiplication successfully but not necessarily understand what they are doing. This may work successfully for a number of years until the students are exposed to a topic such as algebra, when the lack of underlying understanding results in difficulty in operating with pronumerals. Years ago that might have been sufficient, typically students did not go on to higher level mathematics and an ability to perform basic operations was all that was required for the majority of jobs. Changes to occupations, technology and the school leaving age mean that all children now engage with higher level mathematics and so need to understand rather than simply do.

Underpinning our Mathematics programs are four important learning areas: understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Many programs in the past have been more oriented towards fluency – (rote learning) and this has its place, but a quality mathematics program at any stage of schooling must have an equal balance of all four learning areas.

Over the next few weeks we will look at information about the key skills and understandings your child will be developing at school and continue to suggest ideas for activities that you can do at home to promote your child’s mathematics.

## CLASS OF THE WEEK

In **2-BP** we have been busy **collaborating**, **questioning**, **communicating** and learning to be **self managers**.

Look at the fabulous **learning experiences** we have been involved in.

We work so well as a **team** and we *love* our **bush playground!**



In **English** and **Science** we have



been studying the author **Roald Dahl** and we **made** some **Bone Cruncher** biscuits!

It has been interesting observing and learning about **spiny leaf insects**.



*They are **great** class pets!*

We all had a blast at **THE TASTE!**



We made some connections to **the past** on our excursion to **Hagley Farm School**.



We have been busy **researching** for our **Information Reports**.



## Super Savers Grand Prize Competition

This year, one lucky School Banker will win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to Hawaii, USA just by saving. For a chance to win, students will need to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition.

The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU\$2,000 spending money.



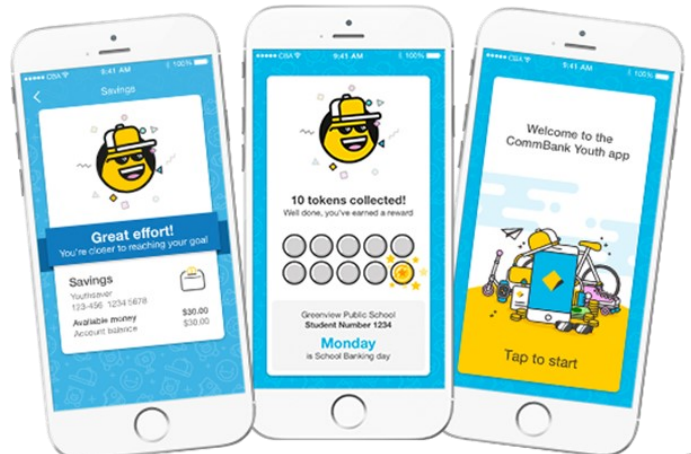
## Enhance the School Banking experience with the CommBank Youth app

The CommBank Youth app provides a hands-on experience, teaching your child to earn, save and spend their money responsibly. With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect
- Set up savings goals and track progress
- Create a list of chores/jobs they can do to earn pocket money

### Get Started:

1. Download the CommBank Youth app on any iOS 9+ device
2. Your child can securely log on to the CommBank Youth app using their NetBank client number. If your child hasn't got a NetBank client number, you can set this up by visiting your nearest CommBank branch with your driver licence and child's birth certificate





## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - I-2A

Amelie is always friendly, thoughtful and respectful. She is a committed learner who strives to give her best and takes pride in her achievements. In this way she is a role model to others. Amelie is a proud member of her class and school. She cares for the classroom environment on a daily basis without being asked.

Amelie is always willing to help in any way she can. She is inclusive of others and aware of those who may wish to join a game. Amelie is also confident to speak up if she believes students have been excluded. Her voice of advocacy is to be both appreciated and admired. She is welcoming to our new students and is a supportive friend.

Amelie is honest, kind, empathetic and fair in her interactions with other students and adults.

**Congratulations Amelie.**



## PREP - GRADE 2 PRIMARY CLASS AWARDS - TUESDAY 5 JUNE

**P-B** Freddie F and Shilo D

**P-S** Teacher Absent

**P-I-WG** Amelie C and Max L

**I-H** Millie B and Tom M

**I-RP** Miranda B and Robert W

**I-2-A** Teale S and Agamjot K

**2-A** Elias B and Bently S

**2-BP** Lily B and Hayden J

**Congratulations to all the students above**

## WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION - THURSDAY 21 JUNE

On Thursday 21 June 2018 from 6pm to 7pm, parent Joanne Beswick and some Grade 6 students will be holding a Winter Solstice celebration in the school quadrangle.

Students will perform to music and will hold a lantern walk from the staffroom to the quadrangle. We would love for parents and carers to come along and help celebrate with us. We also invite other students who would like to perform their own Winter Solstice routine to contact Joanne on 0432 040 081. Students who would like to bring a lantern and do the lantern walk need to be outside the staffroom by 6:10pm.

**Please note, students who do wish to attend the celebration must be accompanied by an adult at all times as this is a parent organised event and staff will not be on site to supervise or ensure student safety.**

It would also be appreciated if attendees could bring a torch or a lantern to help light the night.

We would love to see you there.

**Joanne Beswick - Parent Coordinator**



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 brochures for Scholastic Book Club have been sent home with students this week. Orders must be processed online via LOOP or order forms and payment returned to the School Office in an envelope/snap lock bag with the child's name and class on by **Monday 18 June (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED).**

If you are paying by cheque or money order, please make it payable to Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd. (not Trevallyn Primary School). If you are paying by cash, please make sure that you have the correct amount of money enclosed in the sealed envelope/snap lock bag – we cannot give change or be responsible for lost money.

Parents can select the gift order option (this is not a gift wrapping service) when ordering online via LOOP or by writing gift order on the envelope. Books will be sent to the School Office for collection. The School Library receives 20% of all orders to purchase new books. Every order is valuable!



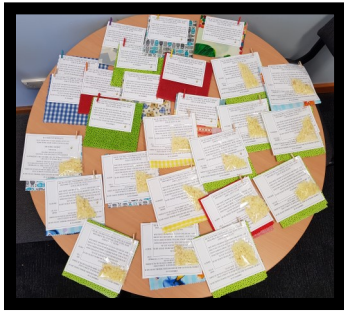
## 2018 TASMANIAN PRIMARY ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 26 JUNE

**DATE:** Tuesday 26 June 2018 – 11.30am start (arrive 10:30 for bib collection)  
**VENUE:** Symmons Plains Motorway, South of Launceston  
**ENTRY FEE:** INDIVIDUAL Entry fee is \$15.00 (plus \$1.80 admin fee) per person  
**CLOSING DATE:** **MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018 at 5:00PM**

If you and your child are interested in them competing on the day, please email Mr Ralph on [bradley.ralph@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:bradley.ralph@education.tas.gov.au) to receive an online sign up. Please note this is the only form of sign up for the event. It is a parents responsibility to sign up, pay and take their own children to and from the event. Anyone seeking further information about the event should contact the Athletics Tasmania office at [info@tasathletics.org.au](mailto:info@tasathletics.org.au)

### BEES WAX WRAPS

The Student Leaders have been busily making the Bees Wax Wraps and also some 'Do it Yourself' Bees Wax Kits. They will be visiting classes this week to take orders for students preference. We will then get busily making and getting our wraps and kits out to students as soon as possible. It is a very big challenge with 495 to make, but we love their 'Growth Mindset'!



### MYTERN - THOUGHT OF THE WEEK (TAKE EMOTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY NOW)

Today, try not to let people or circumstance influence your steering wheel. Instead, be a positive influence on others. If life is challenging, then the best way to bring about positive change is through being a positive example.



### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students can enjoy lunch time reading with the Student Leaders to help improve their reading, along with the chance of winning prizes in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Student Leaders will help them read books and sign their Premier's Reading challenge logs.

**Where:** Multipurpose Room  
**When:** Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes  
1:00pm - 1:20pm



### TREVALLYN 5/6 SPORT - FRIDAY 15 JUNE

Hockey vs TBA @ TBA with Mr Partridge

Netball vs TBA @ TBA with Mr Partridge

Soccer vs TBA @ TBA with Mr Partridge

Football vs TBA @ TBA with Mr Ralph

Bootcamp @ TBA with Mrs Price

**No 5/6 Sport due to  
Swimming**



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