

Our School Vision: To work in partnership with the community to create a happy, collaborative and safe school environment, where we are all empowered, valued and supported. We will provide an inclusive, challenging and quality education to ensure that all students achieve their full potential

Ms Anna Ruhle; Principal

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School Council President;

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

Since our last newsletter you may have noticed that we have made a number of improvements to our school grounds. We were finally able to complete the War Memorial upgrade that we started last year. Some of you may remember that we were lucky enough to be given a \$20,000 grant through the State Governments School Pride and Sports fund to do this project. We look forward to making the most of this space to commemorate ANZAC day in April.

We have also had a Cubby House built next to the sand pit for our Foundation to grade 2 students. I have ordered some toys to go into the cubby house and we look forward to further developing this lovely, inclusive play space in our school yard.



Behind the BER building we have updated a large garden bed. This was possible due to the very kind donation from the Tektonopoulos family at the end of 2020. We will be installing an appreciation plaque on the garden bed to acknowledge the generosity of the Tektonopoulos family and their continued support of Tullamarine Primary School.



Parents' and Friends' Association update

On Thursday 25th February the Parents' and Friends' Association Annual General Meeting was held. We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

- President—**Rashmi Ranatunga**
- Vice President—**Barbara Potter**
- Treasurer— **Jenn Adobas**
- Secretary— **Caroline Khallouf**

The PFA meetings will be held on a regular basis. All members of our school community are welcome to attend future PFA meetings. Please look out on COMPASS for meeting dates/times and news. We wish the 2021 PFA all the very best and look forward to their ongoing support of our school.

School Council Election Update

Nominations for the 2021 School Council memberships close at 4:00pm today. Please ensure that you call into the front office to complete a nomination form before nominations close. Being a member of School Council is a wonderful way to participate in your school and to see what takes place behind the scenes. It is not an onerous commitment as there are only 8 meetings each year. Please see me if you have any questions.

Anna Ruhle
 Principal

Dates to Remember	Grade Levels	Time /Date	Additional Information
Labour Day Public Holiday	All families	Monday 8th March	No students at school
School Photos	All families	Wed 24th March	Information to come
Last day of school for term 1	All families	Thursday 1st April	2:30pm dismissal for all students
Start term 2	All families	Monday 19th April	



Foundation Unit - Teddy Bears Picnic



1/2 Unit - Counting



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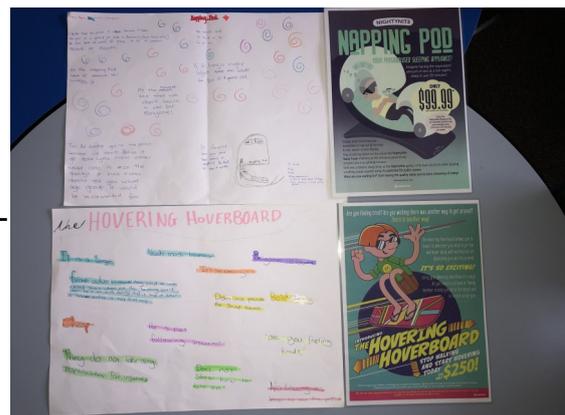
3/4 Unit - Student Voice Members



STEM



5/6 Unit -



Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

On the first day of term one (27 January 2021) or the first day of term two (19 April 2021) a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card Centrelink Health Care Card Pensioner Concession Card
- **OR** they must be a temporary foster parent
- **OR** the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)

AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

Payments are:

- \$125 per year for eligible primary school students
- \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Most payments start from March onwards.

Applications can be received over term one and two. Payments are for the application year and cannot be claimed for previous years.

Year 7 and Foundation students in government schools who receive the fund are also able to get support for school uniforms. For more information regarding this ring the school.

The CSEF payment cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, or formals/graduations.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply at the same school in 2020 or
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year.

CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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Check with the school office if you are unsure.

