

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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Mr Sebastian Naselli; Assistant Principal

School Council President; Melissa Mundy

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

**Wishing you all a safe and an enjoyable Christmas break,
from the Staff and School Council of Tullamarine Primary
School.**

**Please Note: Students commence school
on Tuesday 1st February, 2022.**



Have you downloaded the Compass Parent Portal?

All student reports are now on Compass—if you haven't downloaded Compass you won't be able to view your child's report.

Dates to Remember	Grade Levels	Time /Date	Additional Information
Reports available on Compass	All students	Thursday 16th December	
End of term 4	All students	Friday 17th December	1:30pm dismissal
Start of Term 1 2022	Students in years 1 to 6	Tuesday 1st February	
	Foundation students	Monday 7th February	2:00pm dismissal for foundation during the first week

Farewell to the 2021 School Year

What another crazy year it has been!! Once again, we have all been tested in many ways and I believe that every member of our school community has risen to the challenges and that we have all come out stronger and with greater resilience.

Again this year, we have not been able to do many of our normal school activities but we have learnt to adapt. After two years of Remote and Flexible learning we are all experts in using Zoom and Google Classrooms. It has been lovely recently to meet with our colleagues and our community members face to face.

Once again our students continued to approach their education with passion and enthusiasm. It goes without saying that our school and student successes are further enhanced by the ongoing support from our dedicated staff, families and wider community.

On behalf of the Tullamarine Primary School Community, I would like to thank the staff, (which includes the teachers, education support staff, office staff, gardener/maintenance worker, cleaners and childcare workers), for their outstanding commitment, dedication and tremendous work throughout the year. Our wonderful staff and students work diligently throughout the year to make Tullamarine Primary School a successful school!

To our School Council and its sub-committees, you have successfully continued to oversee numerous school improvement projects—albeit via Zoom for most of our meetings. Thank you! I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Mel Mundy, our retiring School Council President, for all of her work as President this year. She has taken on the role as President, in a very difficult year, effectively and I thank her for her ongoing support of Tullamarine Primary School. I encourage all members of the community to consider becoming a member of the School Council in 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell our Grade 6 students. Their level of maturity clearly indicates they are ready to move on to secondary school. We wish them the very best with the next stage of their education.

To those students and families leaving Tullamarine Primary School, we thank you for your contribution to our great school and we wish you every success in your new school community.

I would like to say a sad farewell and good luck to a few staff members:

Mrs Donna Rowe Campbell leaves us at the end of this year to take on a 12-month position at Aitken College in 2022. Mrs Rowe Campbell has been with us for many years and will be sadly missed. I wish her all the best for her new position and we look forward to her return in 2023.

Mr Thompson is also moving on at the end of this year to work in the Independent School Sector. He has gained a position at St Francis Primary School. Mr Thompson has also been at TPS for many years as teacher, Learning Specialist and as Acting Assistant Principal. He will be sadly missed, and we wish him all the best for his new position.

Mrs Nadia Gagliardi is also leaving us at the end of the year. She has worked as an Education Support Staff member for the last two years and we wish her all the best for her new adventures.

Mrs Teresa Zaffina and Mrs Nelly Gunday are both taking a further 12 months of personal leave in 2022 and we look forward to their return in 2023.

Finally, Mrs Renate Pistrutto who has been our administration officer for 11 years, will be retiring at the end of the year. Whilst at TPS Ms Renate has worked in classrooms as an Education Support Staff member and for the last 11 years has been working in the front office. Miss Renate has a wealth of knowledge about all of our students and families and has been a wonderful support to us all. She will be sadly missed and we wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We are welcoming some new staff in 2022 and I am sure that each member of our school community will make them feel welcome.

As a staff, we look forward to continuing our work with the School Community in 2022 and to your continued support. We really look forward to seeing you all on site next year and returning to more of our normal school activities.

Wishing all of our Tullamarine Primary School staff and families a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday!

Ms Anna Ruhle (Principal) and Mr Sebastian Naselli (Assistant Principal)

A Farewell to our Grade 6 Students, By Ms Ruhle

(Graduation Ceremony Speech)

Every year I spend quite a lot of time thinking about what I want to say to the graduating grade 6 students and their parents.

Last year I started my speech by saying that 2020 had been a year like no other and that it was a year that none of us expected – who could have predicted a global pandemic at the start of the year? Well unfortunately 2021 ended up being a year just like 2020.

Once again, the move to remote and flexible learning meant that you missed out on many traditional milestones that our grade 6 students usually get to enjoy. There were no nights away at camp, there was only some inter-school sports and no swimming. Once again, everything looked different this year.

I imagine there were times in the past months when you were scared and frustrated. I imagine there were times when you didn't want to get out of bed and get on to Zoom and do the work that you needed to do, and that at times you couldn't see the point of it at all. But you persisted and you all did what you needed to do.

If nothing else, this year has shown you that in the future you'll be able to cope when things get challenging. So, I ask that instead of looking at this time, and the things that didn't happen, think of yourself as very special.

Graduations can be seen as a coming of age, a sort of official way to recognize when a person steps into the next stage of life. For our grade 6 students they are now ready to step into the next stage of their lives.

I trust that we have prepared you well for Secondary School and that you will all reach your full potential. We are confident that you are ready for this big transition from the familiar faces and surrounds of Primary School, to the new routines, teachers and classmates of Secondary School

With every year, you have become a little more independent. I bet you can still remember your first day here - it might have been exciting and a little intimidating too. I bet when you look at the preps in the yard you think, wow! They look so little! I can't believe I was ever that young!

But when you see younger students, you can tell how much you've grown up, how much you've learned and how much you've matured. You have all achieved so many wonderful things whilst at Tullamarine Primary School. You have learnt to read, to write, to question and to find solutions. You have learnt a new language, a range of mathematic skills and how to apply a range of ICT tools to assist your learning.

You have all had some great times over the years, and maybe you had some tough times, but you did it and you succeeded. I want you all to know how important you have been to Tullamarine Primary School.

I would like to thank our staff. This is not just about our grade 6 teachers that have taught these students, but it is about the collective effort of ALL of you. Everyone - the education support staff, office staff, and teachers in the school believe in always doing what is best for the students. Your kindness and caring for our students as individual people is the reason that we have seen these students blossom into leaders. Thank you for always caring about our Tullamarine PS kids.

Parents, I want to thank you for bringing your children to our school and trusting us with them every day. I especially want to thank you for raising such an amazing group of people that stand before us today. It has been our pleasure and privilege to watch them grow and learn day by day. We look forward to the day when we hear their names linked with great accomplishments.

Graduates, you should know that your mums and dads are very proud of you today. They have high hopes for you, and they believe in you. Take a look at them now, today is an important day for you and for them. There are great things coming, and just as your parents are proud, each one of you should feel proud of yourself.

Wherever your future leads you, I will be watching and cheering for you. I am looking forward to updates from your lives and seeing where your education leads.

Walt Disney once said that 'All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them'. So, be brave, follow your passions and all of your dreams can come true. Congratulations to all of our 2021 Grade 6 students.

Grade 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our Graduating grade 6 students. We had a wonderful evening on Wednesday 8th December and we were extremely pleased to share it with the families. We wish all our graduating students all the best for Secondary School in 2022.

As these students graduate we are also saying goodbye to a number of families. Some families have been at this school for many years and some have only been here for a short time. We wish all of the families leaving us at the end of the year all the very best. Thank you for being part of our school community!



STAFFING FOR 2022

Foundation: Mrs Kelly Taylor (leader), and Miss Melanie Thomas

Grade 1/2: Mrs Kylie Hudson (leader), Miss Anjelica DiGrande, Miss Irene Koukoulis and Mrs Elyce Brown

Grade 3/4: Mr Daniel Taylor (leader), Mrs Karen Mackintosh, Mr Alexander Zinonos and Mr Nikola Sagi

Grade 5/6: Miss Tara Amici (leader), Mr Mauro Zaffina and Miss Megan Chadwick

STEM: Mrs Katie Lancaster (specialist leader)

The Arts: Mrs Anna Glavan

Physical Education: Mr Corey Leonard

Italian: Mr Dennis Mazzella

Tutor: Mrs Anne Micallef

Learning Specialist: Miss Ngaire Smith

Education Support Staff:

Mrs Vicki Wright (Business Manager), Mrs Jodi Howell (Reception), Mrs Kerrie Broadbent, Mrs Rachael Hardeman, Mrs Jenene Smith, Mrs Deanne Saburido, Mrs Judy Stylianou.

Excellence Awards

In the past we have awarded Bright Future Awards to children at the end of each year. This year, as a staff, we decided to change the way we acknowledge students for their outstanding efforts and developed 'Excellence Awards'.

We agreed that they would be awarded to children who had consistently:

- Put in an outstanding effort
- Made good learning choices
- Shown learning growth (not necessarily the highest achiever)
- Put in the work at school and at home
- Demonstrated exemplary values, morals, behaviour and standards across the school year (Citizenship Award).

READING - Guiliana Besa, Jada Gaut, Willow Morrissey, Koa Babbington, Charlotte Massmann, Allora Bennett, Ahmed Elgharbawi

WRITING – Diya Vinith, Ronit Bansal, Lea Al Haj, Lily Franklin, Osvaldo Lorusso, Eyad Eltouny, Dwayne Langit

MATHEMATICS – Hunter Wilson, Ezra Sirik, Issac Saville, Anchen Deng, Sienna Fredrickson, Andrae Obeid, Marcus Vito

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - Kaia Tabone, Lana Elgharbawi, Senuri Atale Gedara

CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Audrey Legaspi, Judi Kummungkun, Kaye Serong, Zoe Jay, Jakob Nowell, Laura Alshammas

ARTS - Oscar Atkins, Adelyn Mancuso, Bella Walsh, Marco Bazerghi

ITALIAN – Sebastian Ariano, Audrey Legaspi, Izabela Benkovsky, Alofa Tupuola

STEM – Nayel Asim, Lana Esposito, Noah McPherson, Reeve Hammond

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Hunter Wilson, Maxi Chiera, Dimitiros Chrisoulis, Chanelle Tuccitto

Excellence has no limits