

Our School Vision: Tullamarine Primary School empowers students to become lifelong learners who strive to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

Ms Anna Ruhle; Principal

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Mr Sebastian Naselli; Assistant Principal

School Council President; Heath McDonald

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 Monday 30th January, 2023.**



**All student reports are now
open on Compass**

Dates to Remember	Grade Levels	Time /Date	Additional Information
Reports available on Compass	All students	Monday 19th December	
End of term 4	All students	Tuesday 20th December	1:30pm dismissal
Start of Term 1 2022	Students in years 1 to 6	Monday 30th January	
	Foundation students	Monday 6th February	1:30pm dismissal for foundation during the first week

Farewell to the 2022 School Year

What a fabulous school year we have had this year. For the first time since 2019 we have spent the entire school year on site. We saw the return of all our normal school activities. It was absolutely wonderful to hold the End of Year Celebration again on the 9th of December and to see so many of our community members sharing in the celebrations.

This year we have seen incredible growth in our student learning data and we were extremely pleased with our successful NAPLAN results. The students have continued to impress us as they 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. Thank you! I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Heath McDonald, our retiring School Council President, for all his work as President this year. I thank him for his ongoing support of Tullamarine Primary School. I encourage all members of the community to consider becoming a member of the School Council in 2023.

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:

Miss Tara Amici, Miss Irene Koukoulis and Mrs Megan Chadwick all leave us at the end of this year to take on 12-month positions at new schools. They have all been with us for several years and they will be sadly missed. I wish them all the best for their new positions and we look forward to their return in 2024.

Miss Anjelica Di Grande is also moving on at the end of this year to work at another school. Miss Di Grande has been at TPS for 6 years and will be sadly missed. We wish her all the best for her new position.

Lastly, and definitely not least, Mrs Vicki Wright who has worked at our school for 33 years will be retiring at the end of the year. Whilst at TPS Mrs Wright has worked in classrooms as an Education Support Staff member, has worked in the front office, and for the last 12 years, has been our Business Manager. Mrs Wright has a wealth of knowledge that will not easily be replaced. She has been a much respected and loved member of staff for many years. She will be sadly missed and we wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We are welcoming some new staff in 2023 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 2023 and to your continued support. Wishing all of our Tullamarine Primary School staff and families a safe, enjoyable and restful holiday!

Ms Anna Ruhle (Principal), Mr Sebastian Naselli (Assistant Principal), Miss Ngaire Smith (Acting Assistant Principal)

A Farewell to our Grade 6 Students, By Ms Ruhle

(Graduation Ceremony Speech)

I would like to begin by welcoming you all to our year 6 graduation evening. Every year it is my pleasure to say a few words of farewell and congratulations to our graduating students.

This year, our year 6 students have been able to fully experience their final year at primary school and have been able to do all the things that the last two year 6 cohorts missed.

This year our students have; participated in inter school sport, gone to camp, gone swimming, attended the Young Leaders Conference, the Rosehill Secondary Day, a Musical at Gladstone Park Secondary College, the Strike bowling excursion and next week they will experience the annual Responsibility Day.

It has been our great pleasure to watch you all grow and become a little more independent over the years. I bet when you look at the foundation students in the yard you think, wow! They look so little! I can't believe I was ever that young!

But you were and you have grown, and 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.

I trust that the experiences you have had and the learning you have done has prepared you well for Secondary School. I am 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.

As you move into Secondary School, I challenge you to focus on the highs and positive aspects of your life. This positive view of life will inspire you to be more creative and take more chances.

I encourage you to take the opportunity to make new friends in secondary school. Relationships and social connections are one of the most important aspects of your life. Sometimes you have to be kind to others, not because they are nice, but because you are. Strong people don't put others down, they lift them up.

In your new school set yourself realistic but challenging goals. Putting in the effort to achieve those goals will give you a sense of satisfaction. And, when you finally achieve them, a sense of pride and fulfilment will be reached.

Graduates, I would like to thank each of you for the leadership you have provided to our school community this year. You are a talented and compassionate group of young people with a bright future ahead. Enjoy your last days of Primary School with your teachers and the wonderful friends you have made.

I would like to thank each and every member of our staff – both past and present. This is not just about our current year 6 teachers that have taught these students this year, 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 our students. Their kindness and care for our students as individual people is the reason that we have seen these students blossom into the leaders they are today. 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. Thank you for sharing such special children with us. We look forward to the day when we hear their names linked with great accomplishments.

As one of the Harry Potter characters, Luna Lovegood said "*Being different isn't a bad thing. It means you're brave enough to be yourself.*" Aim high, be true to yourself and make big plans for your future. I wish you all the very best. Congratulations to our graduating students of 2022.

Grade 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our Graduating grade 6 students. We had a wonderful evening on Wednesday 14th 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 2023.

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 2023

Foundation: Mrs Kelly Taylor (leader), and Mrs Seda Sahin

Grade 1/2: Mrs Kylie Hudson (leader), Miss Melanie Thomas, Miss Miranda DiVirgilio and Miss Derya Dogan

Grade 3/4: Mrs Karen Mackintosh (leader), Mr Nikola Sagi and Miss Chantelle White

Grade 5/6: Mr Alexander Zinonos (leader), Mr Mauro Zaffina and Miss Shenae Healey

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 Kellie Neil (Business Manager), Ms Jodi Howell (Reception), Mrs Kerrie Broadbent, Mrs Rachael Hardeman, Mrs Jenene Smith, Mrs Deanne Saburido, Mrs Judy Stylianou, Mrs Uzen D'Souza

Achievement Awards

In the past we have awarded Excellence 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 have renamed them 'Achievement 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 – Paige Gillespie, Mariam Awkar, Ezra Sirik, Nina Milenkovic, Dwayne Langit, Ava Pattie, Isla Thomas Steeden

WRITING – Oliver Angiolella, Kaia Tabone, Tara Collucio, Arni Ghimire, Kaye Serong, Bella Walsh, Sandra Faalili

MATHEMATICS – Kristian Collucio, Hunter Wilson, Joel bleaszby, Billy Hardman, Anchen Deng, Diya Bansal, Daniel Ince

GENERAL EXCELLENCE – Oscar Atkins, Lea Al Haj, Avah Prosia, Charlotte Massmann, Allora Bennett

CITIZENSHIP AWARD – Isla White, Felicity Mott, Adelyn Mancuso, Lana Elgharbawi, Nour Alsatmah, Harun Abdi

ARTS – Ivie Robertson, Audrey Legaspi, Kaye Serong, Allora Bennett

ITALIAN – Cyrus Cooper, Elias Grillo, Anchen Deng, Charlotte Massmann

STEM – Asya Tascilar, Michaela Matic, Jackson Barrett, Jayden Williams

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Angus Mott, Lana Esposito, Ashleigh Busby, Isla Thomas Steeden

Excellence has no limits