



# Tinternvale Primary School

## Tintalk

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### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

I would like to remind everyone about the importance of regular school attendance. Educational research shows us that there is a direct correlation between student attendance and student achievement. It is really important to understand that when students miss days from school, they are missing out on valuable opportunities for learning and for connecting with their peers. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve good learning outcomes. As parents/carers, it is really important to:

- Ensure that your child attends and is on time for school on every school day
- Know and actively support the attendance policy of your child's school
- Contact the school early on the first day of absence and inform the school why your child is away
- Notify the school in advance if you know that your child will be absent
- Organise appointments and holidays out of school time
- Work with the school if your child is absent for a prolonged period of time so that your child can continue their learning
- Ensure that your current contact details have been given to the school

Your child's mid-year report showed their attendance record for first semester, and this information will also be provided on the second semester report. The following information will give you the opportunity to compare your child's absence levels with Education Department guidelines:

### **On average how many days is your child absent each year?**

- 10 days or less: this is within normal range. Your child is able to take full advantage of the learning opportunities available to them.
- 11-20 days: This attendance is of concern as your child could miss up to one year of school between Prep and Year 10



### **DIARY DATES**

### **AUGUST**

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Fundraising Meeting  
-7:30pm

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Level 1 & 2 Swimming

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Trivia Night – 7:00pm

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Level 3 & 4 Athletics

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Internet Safety Info Night  
-7.15pm

### **CANTEEN**

Canteen is open,  
Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday



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- 21-40 days: This is a poor attendance rate as your child could miss out on up to two years of school between Prep and Year 10.
- Over 40 days: This is a very poor attendance rate as your child could miss out on up to two and a half years of school between Prep and Year 10.

It is important to remember that:

- Students need to attend school regularly to reach their full learning potential
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for children to connect with their friends and develop socially
- There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life
- Poor patterns of attendance can become a habit which is very difficult to change
- When young people are in school every day they are less likely to be involved in harmful situations

Please contact the school if you are concerned about your child's absence record.

## **NO SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL**

### **PLEASE!**

Unfortunately, in the past week, many students have continued to ride their scooters in the school grounds or wave them around in a dangerous manner, despite many warnings and confiscations. **As a result, the decision has been made that children are no longer permitted to bring them to school.** The underlying basis for this decision is **SAFETY**. It is important that our school grounds are a safe environment for everyone: students, parents and teachers.

### **A BIG THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to Kevin Neligan, Scott Wiseman and Alex Vandenbroeck for moving a large quantity of mulch last weekend to create some more garden areas. Special thanks also to the entire Neligan family for planting many new shrubs in these areas. What a difference it's made!

*Lorraine Gamble*

## **NO SMOKING IN SCHOOL**

### **GROUNDS**

Reminder: Legislation has introduced a smoking ban which covers all school ground areas and includes all activities that occur within the school's boundaries. Students, staff and parents must not smoke on any school premises (or in view of students), at school functions, and during school-based activities.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

2A	Kara
2A	Georgia
2D	Adam
3D	Heath
3D	Daniel
4A	Rhys
4B	Amber
4C	Taylah
4D	Kate

## **EDUCATION MAINTENANCE**

### **ALLOWANCE**

#### **Second Instalment**

If you were paid the EMA for the first instalment and your child is enrolled at the school at the same school for the second instalment, you will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

If you did not apply for the EMA in the first instalment, you must submit the second instalment application to the school by 7 August 2009.

Please make sure your concession card is valid as of 13 July 2009.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen: **and**
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

## **INTERNET PAYMENTS**



Can parents please make sure you include your surname when making payments over the internet for camps or excursions.

Excursion permission envelopes must be returned to the school signed by the parent, with contact number, to allow student to attend the excursion.

## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the big night and for those of you who still have not booked your table, you better get in quick. We have 2 tables available, so get your friends and family together and come along for the fun. Tickets are \$10.00 each. If you have booked a table, full payment is due ASAP (no later than Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>) and early birds go into the draw to win a great prize. (Please note payment cannot be made on the night).

## **MOWING GROUP FOR THE WEEKEND 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Ross Gerin  
John Korlaki  
Phil Parsons  
Michael Sheehan  
Lindsay Swift

## **MOWING GROUP FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Greg Daniels  
Cheryl Lyons  
Filip & Julia Kratochvil  
Peter Hayde  
Colin McKimmie

## **OSHC CLUB WEEK STARTING 10th AUGUST**

Decoupage	Lid Landing
Finger Paints	Pass & Shoot
1am 7-8 Badge	AASP
Shaving Cream Resist	Mr Wolf
Quilling	Dodge Ball

# **You're invited to celebrate Tree Planting Day at Tinternvale August 8th**

**Come along to school this Saturday afternoon and join in with others from the Tinternvale Primary School community to plant trees and shrubs to beautify our school environment.**

**All welcome!**

**TIME: 1.00pm  
BYO: shovel and wheelbarrow  
SEE YOU THERE**

**THANKYOU for plant donations-**

- Maroondah City Council (CRISP Nursery)
- Yarra Valley Toyota-Cindy Crothers (Candlebark Nursery)