



# Tinternvale Primary School

## Tintalk

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### Principal's Comments

#### LEARNING TO LEARN

To assist in the development of social skills and sound learning habits, all classes throughout the school have been involved in a whole school focus during the first two weeks of this term. The students are all involved in "Learning for Life" units of work that are designed to assist in the establishment of classroom values and a focus on the best ways to learn. These units will provide the students with the opportunities to develop important understandings that they require in order to underpin their learning across the curriculum and in all aspects of their school life. This morning all students had the chance to celebrate their learning with students from other classes during our Learning Links session.

During the first three pupil-free days this year, our teachers spent a great deal of time planning their programs for term one. The students are extremely fortunate that their teachers work in very strong planning teams that focus on shared program planning and evaluation. Our staff's commitment to team planning is one of Tinternvale's greatest strengths and is one of the reasons the school is able to provide such an excellent curriculum.

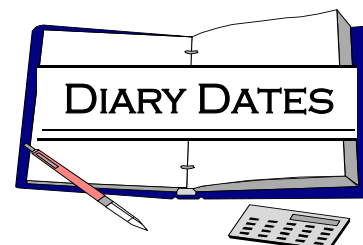
#### FAREWELL TO JUDY

Judy Hammer, our wonderful Admin. Assistant, leaves Tinternvale today to take up a short-term vacancy at Heany Park P.S. for a few months. Whilst this is a terrific opportunity for Judy and we wish her every success in her new role, she will be very sadly missed by all of us. Good luck Judy! During Judy's absence, Catherine Mariniello will replace her. Please give Catherine a warm Tinternvale welcome.

#### SCHOOL INJURIES AND INSURANCE

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for students who are injured at school, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. However, **other insurance cover is available.**



2009

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Uniform Shop

9.15-9.45am

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Fundraising Committee

7.30pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

School Council

7.30pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Boomtec -  
Level 4 only**

Labour Day - March 9<sup>th</sup>

#### CANTEEN

*New canteen price list  
is in effect*



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The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

For many years, Tinternvale's Fundraising Committee (formerly known as T.P.A.) has been an active group of parents who have been very successful in raising substantial extra funds for our school, as well as providing enjoyable opportunities for families to socialise together. Each year, we encourage new members to join this committee because it's always terrific to receive new suggestions and share new ideas. We would warmly welcome new parents to attend the first meeting for the year, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February and will be held in the staffroom at 7.30 pm. No previous experience is necessary and it is a wonderful way of getting to know other parents. Please come and join us!

### **SAFETY AT SCHOOL**

I would like to remind parents that it essential to sign in at the office and collect a Parent Helpers' or Visitors' Badge before entering the school buildings or visiting classrooms. This is a safety procedure that enables us to monitor all visitors coming into the school and it assists us to ensure that the school is a safe place for everyone. Thank you!

### **PARENT MORNING TEA**

Next Monday morning after assembly, morning tea will be available in the O.S.H.C. building for any interested parents. The South Croydon Anglican Church has kindly offered to provide this service again this year. All welcome.

### **THANK YOU!**

We have had an overwhelming response to our request for toiletries for families who are victims of the tragic bushfires. A huge thank you to those families who have made donations so far. We are still collecting items, so if you would like to donate something, please send it to school by tomorrow. One of our parents, Lydia Wynn, will deliver them to the Salvation Army for distribution.

*Lorraine Gamble*

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

1A All of 1A  
1B Lizzy  
1C Michael  
2A Jordan  
2B Nathan  
2C Jemma  
2D Christopher  
2E Ben  
3A Charlie  
3B Yanna and Max  
3C Karly  
3E Emma  
4A Luke  
4B Rowan  
4C Courtney  
4D Renee

## Education Maintenance Allowance information for the school newsletter

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

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.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **27 February 2009** for the first instalment and **7 August 2009** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$221** for primary students and **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

### New EMA payment option for 2009

Commencing in 2009, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents.

Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA payment directly into the parent's nominated bank account, **or** as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for you to nominate whether you would like your EMA payment to be made to your own bank account or to receive your payment as a cheque (which is the current arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and the account number.

### Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
	School	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
Two	Parent	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 221.00</b>	<b>\$ 443.00</b>

**Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.**

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

**HELPERS REQUIRED**

Helpers required to cut up fruit every Thursday morning for Prep – 2. If you are able to help please contact the office.

**STUDENT BANKING**

School banking will commence Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

Second hand uniforms will be open 9.15am – 9.45am, on Monday mornings.

**Fundraising Committee**

Welcome back everybody, I hope you all had a lovely break. Our first meeting for 2009 is on Wednesday, 18th Feb at 7:30pm in the staff room. We would love to see some new faces on the committee this year, it's a great way to meet new people & no previous committee experience is necessary. If you are interested in helping raise some extra funds for our children's education, come along to our next meeting. (We need to raise approx \$7k each year to pay for our library program alone). We meet approx once a month to discuss fundraising ideas (about 2 per term) Note: there will be no fete this year. **As an added incentive, Cadbury are offering committee members the opportunity to purchase chocolates at a discount, at the Cadbury factory just in time for Easter.** So hop along to our committee meeting & remember many hands make light work.

Thank you

**CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Tinternvale Primary School is currently updating its data base and would like to check entries for children attending CRE. Each year we attempt to make sure that our details are correct so that teachers, CRE teachers and admin staff are all aware of the CRE participants.

If you DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND CRE lessons please complete the reply slip below and return to the school office by FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.

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**CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

My child/children will not be attending CRE lesson in 2009.

Childs/Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



ABN: 78 423 980 117

## **SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

Music lessons will recommence at Tinternvale Primary on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February

### **Now taking enrolments:**

Term 1, 2009 @ Tinternvale Primary School

KEYBOARD/PIANO, GUITAR, SINGING, VIOLIN, DRUMS, WOODWIND LESSONS  
(All available after school)

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR FUTURE**

Learn any instrument you like. Individual or Group lessons available  
Call Wonnies on 9812 2626, or pick up a form from your School Office  
or email us at:  
wonnies@optusnet.com.au

**ENROL ANYTIME!!!**

**Give it a Go!**

**Gift Vouchers Available**

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## **KIDS YOGA!**



Kids Yoga is a playful and creative way to help you...

- \* improve posture, strength and flexibility
- \* build confidence and self esteem
- \* improve focus, co-ordination and awareness
- \* relax, feel good and have fun!

Classes include yoga postures, breathing, relaxation, meditation, games, sound, songs, stories and more.

**Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.30pm**

**During school term**

**5-12 years old**

Now on at...

**St Stephen's Community Living Centre**

**28 Freeman St, Ringwood East**

**Tel: Fiona 0408 328 103 (bookings/info)**

**\* book early as class sizes are limited!**

### **RADIANT HEART YOGA**

Teacher: Fiona Filippelli, Graduate of The Bhava Centre, School of Yoga & Creative Dance and Radiant Child Yoga Program  
Levels 1 & 2.

# STUDENT BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

The Tinternvale 'Student Behaviour Expectations' will be implemented in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood guidelines. A graded series of consequences that emphasise the importance of self-control and responsibility and ownership of one's behaviour will be implemented.

## ***CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS***

Students will be expected to:

- Settle down to work and produce a standard of work appropriate to their ability
- Complete set tasks including homework
- Follow directions the first time they are given
- Speak politely to teachers, other students and parents
- Behave and play in such a way that ensures the safety of everyone
- Behave and play in a way that is sensitive to the rights and feelings of everyone
- Return to class following recess and lunch play periods by the second bell
- Treat their own, others' and the school's belongings with respect
- Wear school uniform and abide by the Sunsmart Policy

## ***PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS***

Students will be expected to:

- Play in the correct area
- Play in a way that ensures the safety of other students and self
- Play in a way that is inclusive of the rights and feelings of others
- Follow directions from yard duty teachers the first time they are given
- Keep hands, feet and objects to oneself
- Use appropriate language
- Use and care for school sports equipment appropriately.
- Climb only on play equipment
- Behave appropriately in student toilets
- Place litter in bins
- Wear a school hat in terms 1 and 4.

## ***SEVERELY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR***

In cases of severely inappropriate behaviour, consequences such as In-School Withdrawal or Formal School Suspension may result. Severe consequences may result from:

- Incidents of serious bullying including exclusion, intimidation, put downs, threats and interfering with others' belongings including theft and wilful damage
- Physical interference with other students including fighting incidents, throwing sticks, rocks or other inappropriate objects
- Refusing to follow directions
- Using inappropriate language and comments towards teachers, parents or other students
- Other behaviour that threatens the smooth running of the school

In such cases, parents will be contacted. A meeting will be held with all concerned parties to resolve the issue and put strategies in place to avoid repeat incidences.

Please discuss these expectations with your child as we work together to provide a safe and happy learning environment.