

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

The last fortnight has been quite a busy one for me! I have been working with the Inner Gippsland Principals on Department Priorities and initiatives. I have also been working with our SEIL on finalizing our school's Annual Implementation Plan. This plan guides the direction of our school towards the goals determined by our last School Review, which created our School Strategic Plan. All professional learning, changes to teaching and learning practices and improvements around the school are driven in response to meeting the goals set out in these documents.

It is common to feel a sense of unease when things begin to change in schools. It is my hope that you will all be kept up to date with our progress by providing information in our newsletters. The goals that we are working towards were determined by the school community, for the school community, in 2019. Our targets are expected to be reached by 2024. It is for this reason that there may appear to be more obvious changes happening throughout this year and next.

I encourage any of our community members with questions to please speak to our School Council members, or myself, to help with your understanding.

Tanjil Valley Sports:

This Friday, we have our Tanjil Valley Sports being held at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have come forward to help make this event possible. We look forward to a fabulous day on Friday.

Enjoy your fortnight,

Tamara Halket

<mailto:tamara.halket@education.vic.gov.au>

2023	MARCH
10	Whole School Athletics Carnival
13	Labour Day Public Holiday
15	MARC Van
15-27	NAPLAN—Gr 3 & Gr 5
22	MARC Van LV Division Tennis Tournament—Selected Students
24	National Ride2School Day
28	Buildings & Grounds Meeting—6:30pm School Council AGM—7pm School Council Meeting—7:30pm
31	Term 1 Family BBQ—5pm
2023	APRIL
26-28	Grade 5/6 Coonawarra Camp
2023	MAY
1	School Photo Day

Reminders & Notices

- Reminder—Our **Whole School Athletics Carnival** is taking place this Friday, 10th March. All students are expected to attend this event. An event timetable is included in this newsletter.
- Our school is participating in **National Ride2School Day** on Friday, 24th March. Details on how to participate are included in the flyer later in this newsletter.
- This term we are running a **Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**. Orders need to be placed by Tuesday, 28th March via CompassTix. Details are included in the flyer attached to this newsletter.
- Scholastic **Book Club** orders need to be placed by Monday, 20th March.
- Consent forms for the **Grade 5/6 Coonawarra Camp** taking place from 26th to 28th April. have been issued via Compass. Consent is due by Friday, 24th March.



TERM DATES 2023

Term 1	27th Jan (teachers start) to 6th April
Term 2	24th Apr to 23rd Jun
Term 3	10th Jul to 15th Sep
Term 4	2nd Oct to 20th Dec

Willow Grove Primary School Student Acknowledgments

GRADE P/1/2



Jack W.

For being focussed on his learning in all subjects.

GRADE 3/4



Emma H.

For focussing on her learning and always trying her best.

GRADE 5/6



Jake L.

For independently creating a roster for the front seat of the bus.

SPECIALIST

ART



Dane F.

For always being organised, tidy and helpful in Art and putting in 100% effort, detail and care to all your art pieces.

RESPECT Resilience TEAM WORK COMMUNITY

Term 1 School BBQ

Our Term 1 BBQ will be held on Friday the 31st of March from 5:00-7:00pm. This event will be at no cost to families, and is intended to be a social event to meet staff and other families in an informal setting.

As this is a family event with students present it is important to note that, in accordance with the Department of Education and Training's "Alcohol at School Events Policy" (16 August 2022), this event will be strictly alcohol free. The School Council (including the Principal) must adhere to the legal requirements set out in this policy and there is no scope for making exceptions.

Further information will be sent out closer to the event, but we are hoping for a large turnout of families!

Reports & GPA's

It has been decided by all staff, that we will be trialling a change to our previous system of reporting to parents. Our new approach will meet the standards set out in the Department of Education and Training's Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10, policy.

We will be trialling the removal of the GPA system, and instead, including comments within the Term 2 and Term 4 student reports. We will also be offering parent-teacher conversations, a minimum of twice per year, in addition to our open door policy for communication with teachers.

We hope that this method of reporting will better meet the needs of our students and parents/carers, while also providing a useful document for Grade 6 – Year 7 transitions.

Out of School Hours Care

We have put out some information via our Facebook page looking for anyone that may be interested in joining our OSHC team. We are currently at risk of losing days that are offered, if we cannot fill the educator role. It is preferable to have a member of our local community in this role, especially as we move to expand the service to a before school care option. The best part about this service is that if you are interested and you have children (even younger children), they can attend the service too! Please contact us if you have any interest in joining our team!

Tanjil Valley Landcare Environmental/Community Event

The school has been invited to participate in this up and coming festival. We will be looking for parents and students to join in on our stall at this event, and help to promote our school within the wider community. The event is to be held on April 30th, but I would like to bring it to attention now so that interested families can pencil this date in as early as possible.

TERM 1 FAMILY BBQ

WHEN—FRIDAY 31st MARCH

TIME—5PM TO 7PM

**WHERE—OUT IN THE SCHOOL
GROUND**

**SAUSAGES, BREAD & SAUCE PROVIDED
BYO- CHAIRS, RUGS, SNACKS, NON-
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, BIKES, SKATE-
BOARD, HELMETS, ETC**

ALL WELCOME

Grade P/1/2 News

The P-2 students have been learning about people who help us. Last week our focus was on the Emergency Services, which included a visit from the Willow Grove C.F.A.

Thanks to Mrs Brown and the other volunteers from the Willow Grove C.F.A.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Last week the Preps were learning about the letter 't'. On Thursday the whole school had a teddy bears picnic. While in class the teddies worked with their owner.



Grade 3/4 News

Over the last few weeks, the Grade 3/4 class have been learning to tell the time to the hour, half hour, quarter hour and to the minute. We have been using a lot of game-based activities to make our learning engaging and fun. Some of the activities we have undertaken have been: Kaboom, Time Bingo, I have, who has?, IXL and Maths Frame.



Grade 5/6 News

Here in the Years 5 & 6 classroom, we have begun our robotics program. Using the Hummingbird Duo kits we programmed single colour LEDs to light up. We drew cartoon characters and made either an eye or nose light up. This work encourages teamwork and resilience. This week we will be programming tri-colour LEDs.



Story Dogs Program

Our school participates in the Story Dogs Program. The aim of the Story Dogs Program is to make reading fun for children, so they become confident lifelong readers. When children read to a dog, the outcomes are amazing! It is a non-judgemental setting, the children's focus improves, their literacy skills increase and their confidence soars. The accepting, loving nature of dogs gives this program its magic and helps children relax, open up, try harder and have fun while reading to a friendly, calm dog.

Mary and her dog Trilli visit our school each Friday and read to four students from Grades 1 or 2. Below are some pictures of Harriet reading to Trilli last Friday.



Footy Tipping Competition 2023

Our annual footy tipping competition will commence this month on March 16th.

It only costs \$25 to join with great weekly and end of year prizes. The more participants we get, the better the prize money!

Our footy tipping competition raises funds to subsidise the cost to families of our Grade 6 Celebration Excursion held at the end of each year.

If you would like to enter, please complete your details on the slip below and drop it into the school office with your entry fee payment.

If you have any queries, please see Michelle.



FOOTY TIPPING 2023

NAME:.....

TANJIL VALLEY WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

This Friday the 10th of March, our whole school, Prep – Grade 6 will be involved in the annual Tanjil Valley Athletics Sports. Participation and Teamwork is the aim of the day! Please see the information below on how the day will be structured.

Please note that parents are required to drop off/pick up their child/children at Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. Students do not attend school on this day. Could all parents please have their children at the track by 8:45 am and that the children assemble in our school area upon arrival. We need to mark attendance rolls as early as possible. The school bus and After School Care will not operate on this day.

WHAT TO BRING

- All the children need to wear their school uniform. Most of the kids also prefer to wear their school uniform shorts when competing, but some may have more comfortable athletic shorts or 'skort' to wear. All children will need to wear comfortable runners. The children will also need extra clothing to suit the expected weather conditions on the day. Coats are a good idea, as experience has taught us that the track is very exposed and often it is much cooler there, than it was forecast to be.
- Children will also need a substantial lunch, snacks, water and sunscreen.
- Camp chairs and picnic blankets are also a very good idea but not necessary

BAD WEATHER

We have to anticipate the possibility of bad weather on the day. In the event of a lot of rain over night or if very wet weather is expected on the day, the Sports may be postponed. Such a decision will be made early on the morning of the event and an announcement will be made to our school community via SMS service and our Facebook Page.

INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE KIOSK

Please note that no student will be allowed to leave the Athletics Arena to go to the Rec Centre Kiosk to buy food, drink or lollies etc.

Parents may wish to buy food for their children from the kiosk, but we ask that the kiosk be out of bounds for all children and that they do not leave the arena. In the interest of knowing where all the children are at all times no exceptions to this rule will be made. When not competing, all students should be in the school designated area.

Our school will be running a fundraiser BBQ on the day. Parents are welcome to purchase items from the BBQ for their children. However, we ask that all students still bring a packed lunch in case we sell out!



EVENT TIMETABLE

Junior (5-8) and Senior (9-12+) Programs will operate throughout the day including relays and novelty events followed by a presentation at the end of the day. An indicative event timetable is provided on the following page.

Parents should arrive at the track by 2:00pm to collect their child/children. Please sign your child out with their classroom teacher before departing the venue.

TANJIL VALLEY ATHLETIC SPORTS — INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

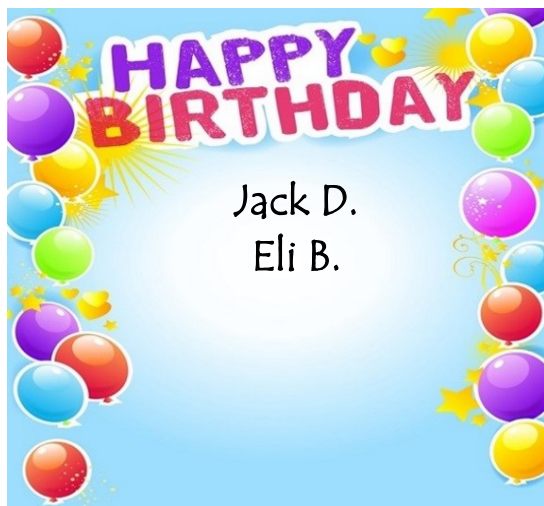
Tanjil Valley Sports

		Junior Program			Senior Program				
		5/6yrs	7 yrs	8 yrs	9 yrs	10 yrs	11 yrs	12+ yrs	
8.50		Organise age groups and move to events.						Organise age groups and move to events	
		1500m							
9.00		Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	High Jump	Discus	Shot put	Hurdles	
9.20		Discus	Long Jump	High Jump	High Jump	Discus	Hurdles	Shot put	
9.40		High Jump	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put	Hurdles	High Jump	Discus	
10.00		Shot Put	Jnr Hurdles	Toilet Break	Hurdles	Long Jump	High Jump	Discus	
10.20		Toilet Break	Shot Put	Jnr Hurdles	Discus	High Jump	Long Jump	100m	
10.40		Jnr Hurdles	Toilet Break	Shot Put	Discus	High Jump	100m	Long Jump	
11.00		snack	snack	snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	
11:20		Organise groups for sprints.							
11.40		Sprints							
12.00		Junior Novelty events:							
12.20		Egg & spoon, Hockey dribble, Shuttle Relays (on grass)						Triple Jump	
12.40		Toilet Break						Lunch	
1.00		Lunch						800m	
1:40		Presentations						800m	
2:00								800m	

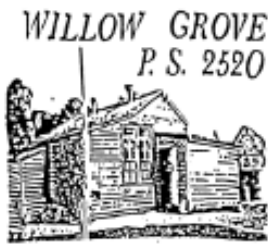
National Ride2School Day—24th March 2023



ride2school.com.au



- Thank you to Li and Amy for continuing to volunteer to run our Brekky Club program
- Thank you to Simon for spreading the playground mulch.
- Thank you to all our families who have volunteered to help at this years Tanjil Valley Athletic Sports.



Willow Grove Primary School
2520
(Formerly Latrobe River State School &
Willow Grove State School)
1883-2023



The Latrobe River State School 1891-1900

By 1889 the local area was beginning to be known as Willow Grove and the school was referred to by locals as the Willow Grove School, however Government officials continued to use the name La Trobe River.

The Narracan School Board of Advice met at Trafalgar on Tuesday 24th March 1891 and accepted a tender for the erection of a fence around the school at Willow Grove.

On the 8th of May 1891 a new head teacher was advertised for and John E. Chenhall was appointed. Despite being appointed, John Egbert Chenhall's teaching record does not show he taught at LaTrobe River S.S.

"During the depression years of the 1890's, attendance at the school fell below 20 pupils. Subsequently on the 19th April 1893 the school became temporarily unclassified and the Head Teacher, Miss Harriet Preston, was informed "to hold herself in readiness for transfer." By 1894, however, the numbers attending had risen to 20+..." (Willow Grove P.S. 2520 Centenary, 1983)

Advertising for a new Head Teacher was issued in the Age on Saturday 7 Jul 1894. Alice Bunter Stokes was appointed as head teacher.

The school was the meeting place for many local organisations, including the Wesleyan Church, who held their anniversary there in 1894. The Latrobe Cricket Club held their meetings there, most notably the meeting that they decided to name themselves the Willow Grove Cricket Club in 1889. Elections and concerts were held at the school also.

"In December 1898, the dwindling Tanjil school closed down, and a few of the children from there transferred to La Trobe River, bringing the attendance to over 40. To accommodate this number, the partitions were removed between the schoolroom and the dwelling rooms (1899)." (The Changing Years)

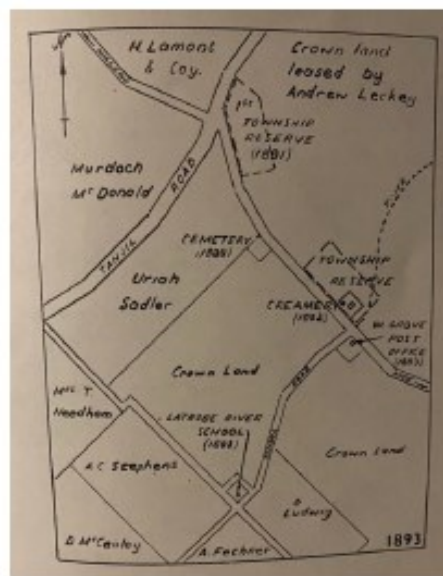
"On the 2nd of September 1899, Head Teacher Christina Montgomery requested "that the boards of the partition between the school and the residence be cut out so that the residence may be used for the lower classes. The schoolroom is 22 ¼ feet long, 13 feet broad and 12 ½ feet high. The average attendance for the weekend ended 26th August was 40.5 and that for the week ended 2nd of September 43.2. Nor is this attendance likely to decrease as there are several younger children in the district to come. The atmosphere at the present time in the schoolroom in the afternoon is almost unbearable." (Willow Grove P.S. 2520 Centenary, 1983)

The removal was approved, and part of the wall was removed in October 1899

Over the years when men head teachers were appointed, sewing mistresses were engaged ... One of the first sewing mistresses was Tot (Ethel) Williams, daughter of the hotel keeper, who taught both boys and girls to sew. This activity was so unpopular with the boys that they hid their sewing materials in a gum tree. Their rebellion was short-lived and ended painfully!" (The Changing Years, 1972)

From the time when Williams' Hotel was built, single teachers boarded there. Married teachers would rent a house nearby.

In June of 1898 Miss M. Wilson was appointed head teacher of the LaTrobe River School.



1893 Map of Willow Grove

Note the school is in the lower, middle section of the map. There is also no Trafalgar Road.

References

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- Willow Grove P.S. 2520 (formerly Latrobe River P.S.) Centenary 1883-1983

WILLOW GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

\$8
PACK 6

HOT CROSS BUN

FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE

-TRADITIONAL FRUIT
-CHOC CHIP
-STRAWBERRY WHITE CHOC
-BUTTERSCOTCH
-MOCHA


\$8/BAG OF 6 HOT CROSS BUNS
PURCHASE ONLINE VIA COMPASSTIX LINK
<https://compasstix.com/e/jetuailxc5>


ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY 9AM ON TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH

ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM WILLOW GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL BETWEEN 2PM - 4PM ON TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL

HOT CROSS BUNS SUPPLIED BY BELLA'S BAKEHOUSE, TRAFALGAR

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VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY

SAVE THE DATE
Tanjil Valley Community Festival
Sunday 30th April 2023
10.00am to 2.00pm
Old Tanjil Road Picnic Area
Willow Grove
(near the boatramp)

Please Note at 9.00am
YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WALKING TRACK EXTENSION OUT TO THE BLUE ROCK ROAD POINT
(Includes a Traditional Welcome and Smoking Ceremony)




Tanjil Valley Landcare in partnership with Hill End Community Inc. present a community and environmental festival – a celebration of the place that we live, and the clubs and organisations that support our community.

Activities Include:
Track planting, Bug Blitz activities, Landcare display, Birdlife Australia activities and display, Wildlife activities and display, Cubby Building, Environmental art activities, Treasure hunt activity, Live Music, Lions BBQ, Frothy Frog Coffee cart, Bee display, Renewable Energy Display and demonstrations, Raffles.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROMOTE YOUR ORGANISATION OR CLUB AT THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT THE TVCF ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DETAILS
tanjilvalleylandcare@gmail.com

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Trafalgar High School
Year 7 2024
Information Evening
4pm-6pm, Thursday 16th March
Sports Centre—Trafalgar High School

- View facilities and learning areas at the school.
- Discuss with teachers the work undertaken and the opportunities each learning area provides.
- Make an informed choice regarding secondary school in 2024.



Further information or enquiries may be directed to Mr. Jack Brown or Mr. Sean Richards on 5633 1733




Trafalgar High School
Principal: Mr. Brett Pedlow

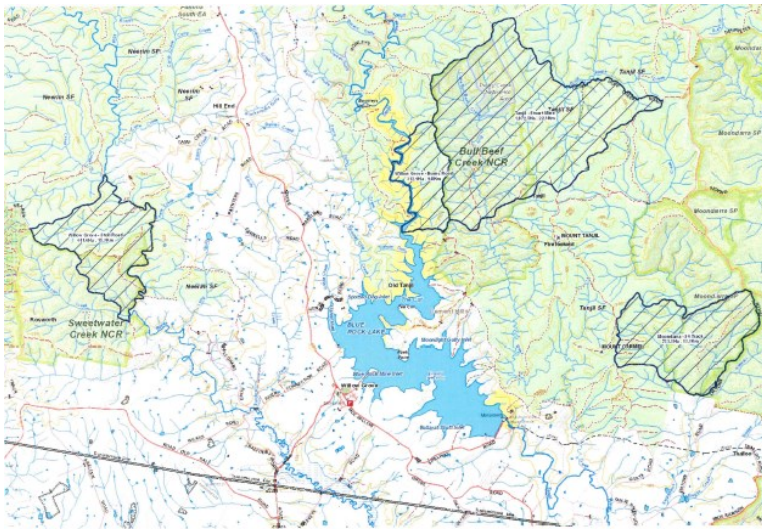
Trafalgar High School
Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program
Part of the Victorian Academy of SEALP Schools
Information Evening
Year 7, 2024
5pm-6pm, Thursday 23rd of March
Sports Centre, Trafalgar High School

PLEASE NOTE: Information regarding testing requirements will be provided on the night.
Further Enquiries:
Amanda McQuarrie, SEAL Program Coordinator
5633 1733





Community News



Moe Golf Club

Free Family Fun

Golf Day

Sunday March 26th - 11am onwards

- **Beginners golf instruction**
- **Opportunity to play 4/5 holes**
- **Mini golf set-up for juniors**
- **Putting competition**

* Sausage Sizzle

* Drinks for all participants

* All equipment supplied

Please register your interest - Phone: 51 272731

Or email womenscaptain@moegolfclub.com.au or ph

Kathy on 0407 505 661

Community Notice

Planned burns near Willow Grove and Hill End

To find out where and when planned burns are happening:

Register for the Planned Burns Victoria notification system at vic.gov.au/plannedburns

Call the VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226

Download the VicEmergency app

For more information go to ffm.vic.gov.au/plannedburns



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FOREST FIRE
MANAGEMENT VICTORIA

Free Old & New Football Boots

Mrs McCartney has a number of football boots that are still in good condition (some are new). They are free for anyone who would like them. For all enquiries email: sha-ron.mccartney@education.vic.gov.au



Size
US 4
US 6 (Nike, Mercurial)
US 7 (Nike, Mercurial)



Size
US 8.5 (Nike, black Phantom)
US 7 (Adidas, black Predator)



Size
US 1
US 2
US 5 (Nike grey)
Indoor boots, US 4