PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

Goodbye and Hello!
I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work of Katie Heard in the role of PE teacher here at TPS since beginning here in Term 2. She has been a delight to work with and has been a true asset to our school in terms of teaching and learning. Her efforts to have the whole school dancing at the end of term 2 and then again to have such a successful Skip-A-Thon are two achievements that stand out. We wish Katie all the best in her new role as VCAL/ VET teacher at the SEDA Academy in Shepparton.
I am pleased to welcome some new staff to the team for 2018. Ms Tayla Callaway will be teaching in the 1/2 area. She hails from Bendigo and is looking forward to teaching here next year. Newly appointed Mr Nathan Secchi is equally excited to be teaching in the 5/6 area after a couple of years teaching in schools in South London. Our third new face will be Ms Dianne Nash who will be teaching Art and Intervention. Dianne is moving from Melbourne and can’t wait to meet everyone and explore the Arts in 2018.

Our Concert
The concert was a resounding success. It was great to have a full house- even after we had to change the time due to the extreme temperature predicted for the day. Thanks to everyone for coming along and sharing in this special occasion. The staff and students did themselves proud. Thanks to Barry Bishop, Jason Cohen and Sean Musolino for their sound and video support. Thanks to Ms Tennant, Ms Thorne and the band for their delightful music as we entered the concert. All staff and students deserve a pat on the back for their efforts!
I invite everyone to download videos of the concert items from Compass when they get a chance. If you aren’t able to access Compass, please contact me at the school for your login details.

More Concert news
We were excited to draw our raffles at the concert and to give away so many prizes. Again, I wish to thank our many sponsors and generous community who donated each and every one of the prizes. It’s much appreciated.
The winners of the JSC Lolly Jar Competition were Megan Phillingham and Cooper Taylor. Congratulations!

Curriculum and Scholarship Awardees
It was with much pleasure that the following students were presented with the following awards at the Grade 6 Graduation:

- Overall Excellence sponsored by N&L Drainage: Pooja Sabari & Ben Andonoudis
- English Award: Charlotte Field
- Health and PE Award: Olivia Shalley & Harry Denham
- The Arts Award: Katelyn Close & Lachlan Steele
- Mathematics Award: Olivia Stevens
- Civics and Citizenship Award: Isabel Boyd & Zach Bowles
- Music Award: Chloe Newman
- Lions Club Awards: Sarah Usher, Jordan Redman & Khan Benice

Congratulations on your fantastic achievements.
As our grade 6 students head off to Secondary School next year, we wish them every success and remind them to continue in the proud Tatura spirit of Respect, Achievement, Community and Optimism.

2018 School Captains
Congratulations to Hannah Newman and Emre Coskun who have been appointed as our School Captains for 2018. Well done! Thank you to Ben Andonoudis and Isabel Boyd for their fantastic leadership this year.
Congratulations Tirrim
Well done, Tirrim on your amazing, winning achievement.

Important dates for Term One 2018
We have planned for one pupil free day in term one next year. It will be Monday 29 January. Note that our first day for students in Grades 1 to 6 is Tuesday 30 January. Our Foundation students will commence on Thursday 1 February.

Happy Holidays
As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our wonderful school community over the last twelve months. I wish everyone well for the holiday season. Enjoy family and holiday time together. Stay safe and well.

Finishing time for Friday 22 December
School will finish for the holidays at 1:15pm tomorrow. The school office will be closed from 2pm.

Susanne Gill, Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS
P & F would like to extend an invitation to all our school families to consider joining us in 2018. Without support of parents, we would be unable to offer Mother’s day and Father’s Day stalls, hot dog days, BBQ’s etc. These opportunities are for the benefit of our students. We look forward to your offer of support next year.

Christmas raffle....Many thanks to the people who donated goods for our raffle. We had eleven lucky winners drawn at the school concert.

Stevens family; Fletcher Dunne; Newman family; Shalley family; M Clough; Hart family; Alana Cope; Shakara Ralph (twice); Fitzgerald family and Steph Martin.

The SNOW CONES were very popular last week both at the school and also at Carols. Thanks you to all those who helped making the snow cones.

FAMILY STATEMENTS
Family statements went home recently to those with outstanding charges.

As the school year is nearly at an end, please forward your payment to the school by cash or bpay. Outstanding amounts will carry over into 2018.

School Council has set the 2018 levies at $335 (no increase from this year). Families are most welcome to commence payments for 2018.

CAN YOU HELP WITH FRUIT OR LAUNDRY DUTY IN 2018?
We are most appreciative of the parents who assist with preparing fruit each Friday morning for the students. If not for the sponsorship of the Tatura Medical Centre (and the Boyd family in the past) together with the assistance of parents, we would not be able to offer free fruit to our students. If you would be able to assist next year, please complete and return this form.

Perhaps you can help with washing the linen from sick bay? Collect after school on Friday and return after the weekend.

Name: ............................................................

☐ Fruit duty  ☐ Sick bay washing
LARP
We had our last LARP experience on Friday and thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities! We thank all of our parent helpers who came each week.

WRITING
We have been creating a lot of persuasive pieces of writing this term! We have researched and written about why ‘Tatura should ban the plastic bag’ as well as trying to convince Mrs Gill to include some interesting features in our new school building next year. We will wait and see if we were able to persuade her into including an indoor skate park...

MATHS
We have been practising our times tables and division skills again this term. It would be a handy idea for your child to continue practising this over the summer holidays... all they need is a deck of cards! We have also enjoyed some sessions of maths rotations this term doing lots of hands on activities about measurement!

TRANSITION
Last Friday we participated in our whole school transition program. The students got to experience what it is going to be like next year when they are in Grade 4 and Grade 5! We already have students thinking about leadership positions and Camp. This Friday will be our last transition and students will find out their 2018 teachers and classmates in the last week of term.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and we will see you in 2018! From the Middle Section!
Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Tatura Primary School every student takes part in a number of programs & experiences during the year that we need to fund as the Government only provides funding for school staff, upkeep of school buildings etc. Every family supports these programs by paying a Curriculum Enhancement & Materials charge, decided by School Council, of $335 per student.

The $335 does not cover all the students’ curriculum needs, but it does assist the school in its efforts to provide a high quality education for your children. The charge does not include camps and extra events (see overleaf).

This charge includes:

- All essential education items which parents and guardians are required to pay the school to provide for their child eg:
  - student stationery supplies
  - class materials including art supplies; photocopying use of netbooks and internet (parents do not have to purchase a netbook)
  - excursions – eg: zoo, museum,
  - Incursions – including: Tabloid Sports, Life Ed van, Twisted Science, Robotics, Arts Performances
  - Swimming – 5 day program at Aquamoves, Shepparton

**PAYMENT OF LEVIES**

- Is required to be paid by 29 January 2018. Invoices will be mailed to families in early January 2018 however payments may be made this year. BPAY is available for your convenience or payment may be made by cash or cheque at the school office which will be open prior to school commencing on Wednesday 24 January from 1-5pm and Thursday 25 January from 8.30am-1pm. The school office will then re-open from Monday 29 January.

- **Student stationery will be distributed on the first day of school to those students for which payment of $165.00 has been received.**

- In order to assist families who maybe experiencing financial difficulty a Payment Plan is available. This plan must be negotiated and signed off by the Principal who will be available at the above times or by appointment.

- Eligible parents (holding a health care card, foster or pension card valid on the first day of term 1 or term 2) may apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) which is valued at $125 for primary school children.
2018 CAMPS AND OPTIONAL EVENTS

CAMPS  2018 approximate costs
- Preps afternoon tea - $1
- Grade 1 dinner - $4
- Grade 2 dinner, sleepover & breakfast - $5
- Grade 3/4 at Camp Candlebark Farm, Healesville – $250
- Grade 5/6 at Camp Wilkin, Anglesea - $300

Grades 3 & 4 camp and 5 & 6 camp will require a deposit four months prior to the camp and full payment of balance one month prior to camp. Parents are most welcome to pay by instalments. Further information will be available in 2018.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES
are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents and guardians may choose whether their child accesses or participates in. Eg:
- sports – zone & division
- athletics – zone & division
- leadership conferences
- sporting events- athletics; football, soccer, netball, cricket
- cross country-interschool, zone & division
- swimming – zone & trials
- Grade 6 Graduation
Hello,

Today, the Minister for Education James Merlino announced the first step in a long-term plan to transform education for young people in Shepparton and Mooroopna. The Shepparton Education Plan will provide the best possible start in life for secondary students, improving their learning outcomes, providing health and wellbeing teams, as well as increasing pathways to further education and employment opportunities.

The decision to merge McGuire College, Mooroopna Secondary College, Shepparton High School and Wanganui Park Secondary College resulted after months of work by the Strategic Advisory Committee (the Committee). The Committee involved local principals, community members, parents, representation from the Australian Education Union and local businesses.

The Committee considered feedback from a variety of Working Parties, education experts as well as hundreds of community members who took part in community consultation and engagement activities in Shepparton and Mooroopna.

New school buildings and resources will be designed to meet the needs of students and teachers in the future. Students will have access to a broader range of subjects alongside increased health and wellbeing services.

This large school, is to be located in Shepparton and will be broken up into smaller schools or ‘Houses’ to create learning communities for approximately 300, Year 7–12 students. Students will stay in the same house throughout secondary school, with Years 7-9 learning within their House, and Years 10-12 moving around the campus for specialised subjects of their choice.

The Department of Education is currently investigating site options for the school. Once a site is chosen, an architect will be engaged to start designing the school. When more information is available, communication about the school design, timelines and transition plans will be developed – these depend on future State Budget decisions.

The new secondary school will require careful and detailed planning. Schools will work with students and their parents/carers to ensure every young person has a clearly planned pathway with minimal disruptions.

For more information go to: www.engage.vic.gov.au/SheppartonEducationPlan

We appreciate your ongoing support.

Thanks
What’s On At Tatura OSHC - Crazy Christmas!

Monday

**OH CHRISTMAS TREE**
Make some beautiful decorations for your Christmas tree.

Tuesday

**CHRISTMAS WINDOW ART**
Make these great Christmas window decorations.

Wednesday

**SNOW GLOBES**
Create your own snow globe.

Thursday

**CHRISTMAS TREE CRAFT**
Come along and make these festive trees from paper plates.
**COOKING CLUB**
Fruit & Vegetable edible Xmas creations.

Friday

**BOTTLE CAP CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT**
Make an ornament to hang from your tree using recycled bottle caps.

Kids Corner

Makayde, Sarah and Alisha are painting peg ornaments.
Jack, Brodie and Lilijana are sculpting cloud dough.

Community News

Re-enrolments are now open for 2018.
Re-enroll to avoid being refused care next year.
Last day of school is 22nd of December

Merry Christmas From everyone at After The Bell!
We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Junior Leaders

Daniel - For always trying his best.
Tatem - For trying new things.
Sarah - For always trying her best.
Kade - For enthusiasm and participation.
Charlotte - For always helping others.

Vacation Care

At Grahamvale Primary

**BOOK NOW!**

Vacation Fun

Coming this school holidays
hours of fun and laughter

Enrollment and Bookings

We always welcome new faces to Before and After School Care.
Enrolments can be completed online at www.afterthebell.com.au or by downloading a paper version, or you can pick one up at the OSHC room. Should you need any assistance with the process, feel free to call 03 9758 6744 and we will be happy to help you out.

Contact us

Bookings/Cancellation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au
OSHC contact number: 0411 086 821
Program Leader - Veronica
After The Bell
Star Quality OSHC

Join the fun

January 2018
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Hooray!
School holidays are finally coming!
Let your child be part of the best energised, engaging and fun Vacation Care Program.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

It can cost you as little as $7.50 per day......

★ Splashtastic
★ Gumbya World
★ Mad Hatters Tea Party
★ It’s A Pirate’s Life
★ Dinosaur Expedition
AND SO SO MUCH MORE .........

BOOK ONLINE NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!
Visit www.afterthebell.com.au

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Supercharge your reading this summer with Goulburn Valley Libraries and the Summer Reading Club. Registrations open from 1st December 2017 and the program runs until 31st January 2018.

Registration is FREE for children of all ages. When participants register they receive a Summer Reading Club pack for a Pre-school, Primary or Secondary aged child. As children read they collect fun rewards, and for every book read children receive a token to enter into their branch draw to win a fantastic prize. Every child who registers with Goulburn Valley Libraries, and reads just one book can enter to win!

National prizes are also up for grabs for those who participate in the online activities.

Last year more than 400 children registered to participate at a GV Library. This is the seventh year as a national program, and we are hoping to make it bigger than ever.

The theme for the 2017 Summer Reading Club is **GAME ON**. Readers will be encouraged to play, solve, participate and read in celebration of sports, games, technology and spirit.


**For bookings or more information:**

Emma Kennedy  
Children’s & Youth Services Librarian,  
Goulburn Valley Libraries  
Tel: 03 5832 1620 or 1300 374 765  
Email: emmak@gvrlc.vic.gov.au
January 2018
Holiday Programs

Pipe Cleaner Painting
Ages 5+
Tatura Library
Thurs 11 Jan, 2.30pm

Board Game Making
Ages 5+
Tatura Library
Thurs 4 Jan, 2.30pm
Shepparton Library
Tues 16 Jan, 10.30am
Mooroopna Library
Wed 17 Jan, 2.00pm

Coding with Python
Ages 8+
Shepparton Library
Thurs 18 Jan, 10.30am

Paper Flower Making
Ages 8+ accompanied by a parent or carer.
Shepparton Library
Tues 9 Jan, 10.30am

Handprint Creations
Available during open hours at these libraries…
Trace your hand or foot and see what you can turn it into.
Mooroopna Library
Shepparton Library

Marshmallow Flowers
Ages 5+
Tatura Library
Thurs 18 Jan, 2.30pm

Junior Coding
Ages 5 - 7
Shepparton Library
Tues 23 Jan, 10.30am

Tatura Library Craft on Tap
Stained Glass Art
3 - 6 Jan, 2018
Magnet Bookmarks
9 - 13 Jan, 2018
Kite Making
16 - 20 Jan, 2018
Make a Face
23 - 27 Jan, 2018

For bookings or more info Ring 1300 374 765

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gvlibraries.com.au
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