

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day. You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx> For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



School Council Elections 2015

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encourage another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. Consider standing for election to council this year. Be sure to vote in the elections.

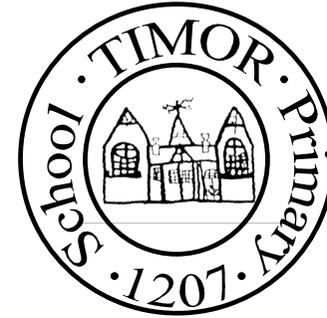
Contact the principal for further information

LIBRARY/MARC



Welcome back to school. I'm sure there was a sigh that went around the community when the kids started back! Just to let you know MARC Van (library) will be Tuesday mornings this year. It's important that students bring their borrowed books on this day. Of course they may be returned to school at any time prior to Tuesdays. There are still a number of books still outstanding from the end of last year. It would be great if everyone could have a look for those lurking library books that may be lingering. Thank you in advance. Kim McLean a.k.a Miss Mac

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Monday 16 Feb Grade 6 Derby Hill
- ◆ Thurs 26 Feb Cluster Swim Day, grades 3-6
- ◆ Monday 9 March Public Holiday
- ◆ Fri 27 March End Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome everyone to the 2015 school year. We are very excited to have started a new school year with so many new, smiling and enthusiastic faces. We formerly welcome our 5 new prep students: Kai, Blake, Malita, Evelyn & Noah who have made a wonderful start to their schooling life's. In addition we have welcomed Savanah & Rylee into grade 2 & Ashlyn into grade 1. In total this year we have a very healthy student population size of 37. This will ensure the longevity of our beautiful school for many years to come.

Staffing for this year consists of Miss Ellis & Mrs Hartwig in the Junior Room and Mr McIntyre & Mr Dyson in the Senior Room. Mrs Brown will be in on Monday.

NOTICES:

- ◆ When parking out the front of the school please be mindful of all children and pedestrians and observe a speed limit of 5km/h. Cars parked directly at the front of the school must be moved prior to 3:40pm to allow for the bus to arrive.
- ◆ As we do not have any bus travellers, please be advised that we will not be providing active supervision of students until 8:45am each day. If you need to drop your student/s of earlier, please feel free to make prior arrangements with myself or the staff. All students should be collected from school by 3:45pm; please ring if you are running late.
- ◆ **Sunsmart policy is in place for term 1. Please ensure that your child has applied a good quality sunscreen and that they have their hat.** Most students leave their school hat at school which is a great idea.
- ◆ School council nominations will be happening soon. If you are interested in becoming a member of the school council and playing an active role in our schooling community then I strongly recommend you consider this option as the information is provided to families over the coming weeks.

Wishing everyone a happy & successful 2015.

Brett Dyson
PRINCIPAL



HEADLICE

Following on from the notice sent home with all students on Tuesday, we seek cooperation from all families in checking their child's hair for headlice.

Please return the slip attached with the notice sent home if you would like to receive a nits off soap provided by the school. We ask that each student be treated with the soap **EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT** regardless if lice or eggs are found and comb hair regularly. A combined effort from all families will help minimize infestations.

2015 School Fees

2015 fees have been set at \$150 for 1 student at the school. ***\$100 is due February 13th*** and invoices will be sent home next week for payment to be made. The balance of \$50 is due start of Term 3. If a Payment plan is arranged following consultation with the school, \$10 per fortnight is to be paid. If 2 children attend the school the total fee payable is \$250, ***\$150 due Feb 13th***. If 3 children attend the total fee payable is \$350, ***\$200 due Feb 13th***.

Fees were approved by School Council 19th November, 2014

Could all families please ensure that the school has current contact details on record. A copy of each students enrolment information will be sent home in the next week to confirm details. Please return the form promptly to ensure our records are correct.

