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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Staff supervision for students arriving before school is between 8.45am and 9.00am and for students after school between 3.20pm and 3.45pm.

At Tallangatta Secondary College, students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Students who choose to bring a mobile phone to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.

Our Values - Respect, Empathy, Attitude and Learning (REAL)

COMING EVENTS

Mon 26th Feb	College Photo Catch-up Day	Mon 4th Mar	Student Led Conferences
Mon 26th Feb	La Trobe Uni Experience Day	Tues 5th Mar	Youth Crew Training Day
Wed 28th Feb	O&M Swimming	Thurs 7th Mar	White Card Course
Fri 1st Mar	GPA Cycle 1 Published	Mon 11th Mar	Labour Day

Principal's Report

Year 7 Camp

Congratulations to the Year 7 students, Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and all the staff that attended the Year 7 Camp to Phillip Island. An excellent transition camp for our Year 7 students to interact with each other, their peer support leaders and staff. A big thank you to Mr Ryan Watson for his leadership of the camp – along with the other camp staff; Mrs Nicole Hamilton, Miss Charlotte Bond, Mr Rhys McKee, Miss Jess Hynes and Ms Carlee Hill for their outstanding support throughout the entire camp.

Nominations for College Council

School councils play a key role in Victorian government schools and being a member of the school council is a rewarding and challenging experience. Acting as a team, the school council supports me to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. Our school council meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Membership is made up of Parent, DET, Community and Student members.

Student membership – all Victorian government schools with a Year 7 cohort and above are required to have two student members on school council. Student members of school council have the same role and responsibilities as other school council members including full voting rights.

Parent members – must be more than one third of the school council's total membership. 'Parent' includes a guardian or person responsible for maintenance or with custody of a student at the school. Department employees are eligible for membership in this category so long as they have children attending the school and the Department employees do not work at the school (except for the principal who is a member of the Department employee member category) of that school council.

Department employee members – must not be more than one third of the school council's total membership. The principal is automatically included in this membership category and has full voting rights. Other staff (teaching and non-teaching) are elected or co-opted to this category. To be eligible for election to this category, a person must be a member of the DET employee electorate of the school.

Community members – is an optional membership category where a school council decides if it wishes to have community members. People are co-opted by the school council to a community member position to bring additional skills and perspectives to the school council.

This year we have three parent vacancies, two student vacancies, two staff vacancies and four community vacancies. Self-nomination and Nomination forms are available on our website and from the front office. Nominations open Friday 23rd February and close by

4pm Friday 15th March. The newly formed school council will meet on Wednesday 20th March 6.15pm after the Annual General Meeting beginning at 6pm. The AGM is an open meeting, everyone is welcome to attend.

Richelle Moyle
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

SWPBS Team

We are seeking parents, teachers, ES staff and student representatives to join the School Improvement Team for 2024. We will be working on strengthening and embedding whole school SWPBS systems and approaches that develop collective responsibility for student engagement. Please see Mrs Ziebell prior to the end of Term 1 if you would like to be a part of our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support Team.

Students onsite

Just a reminder that buses will arrive on campus from 8.45am. Staff will commence yard duty at this time. Town students should not be onsite prior to 8.45am. Parent and carer cooperation is requested on this matter.

Compass Consents

Can parents please log onto compass and considering giving consent for the following;

- PE swimming classes
- Permission to use photographs
- Safe and responsible user agreement form for the internet
- In town local excursions permission

Attendance

Every day counts. Please ensure your children attend daily. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school please reach out to me or the Student Engagement Leaders.

Learning Walks and Talks

The School Improvement Team will be in classrooms throughout weeks 3-5 focusing on school wide positive behaviours and systems in the classroom.

Jocelyn Ziebell

Assistant Principal

Student Engagement News

Senior Years News

It has been wonderful to see our senior years students putting their hand up and attending extracurricular events including O&M Division cricket, University and TAFE opens day and lunchtime swimming. Continue taking up opportunities presented to you throughout the year. ELTs and School Assessed Coursework are in

full swing, with students engaging in learning to meet unit outcomes. Continue being prepared for class and utilising lunchtime help or study hall. Year 12 students assisted with updating the SSC protocols which are displayed and followed for both general use and study periods in the SSC.

Shae Billingsley

Senior Years Engagement Leader

Middle Years News

Well done to all Year 10 Peer support leaders that attended the Year 7 Phillip Island camp. They stepped up and really shone as leaders. They were great role models to the Year 7 students as well as built positive relationships with students and staff.

One particular activity to mention was when the Peer support leader lead Amazing Race challenges. These involved each taking a group of Year 7 students to explore for clues in the local area around the camp accommodation. They were great representatives of the school and managed their groups respectfully.

Reminder to Year 10 students that Work Experience forms need to be completed by Friday 1st March. Please support students to make the most of this opportunity.

Carlee Hill

Middle Years Engagement Leader

Junior Years News - Year 7 Camp



Our week-long escape to Philip Island was nothing short of exhilarating, packed with adventures and unforgettable experiences. Our journey commenced with a visit to the chocolate factory, where we immersed ourselves in the sweet world of cocoa, indulging in treats and learning the art of chocolate making.

Next, we arrived at Camp where students settled in with their roommates, spoke to our Camp leaders and were able to unpack following a 7-hour bus drive. Students had dinner and then headed across to San Remo to enjoy the park and beach, before heading off to lazer tag and ten pin bowling in the evening.

The students awoke the next morning, either heading for a fun day of activities to mini golf, challenging their

perception with optical tricks and puzzles at the illusion centre, working through the largest wooden outdoor maze in Australia, or visiting the koala centre and nature walk. Students also got to experience surfing, and it was great to see so much fun and excitement and students giving surfing or boogie boarding a go and testing themselves against some of the larger waves.

On our fourth day, we experienced more golf and the students finally got to see the penguins at the parade! The students all loved observing the penguins walk back to their habitats and we were lucky to see hundreds of them come along onto the beach.

We bid farewell to Philip Island on Friday and returned home to our families, having an incredible week full of laughter, adventure, friendship and memories that the students will cherish forever.

We battled a power outage, cold showers, darkness, and time away from technology, but the students all had a great time and have all spoken about their positive experiences on Camp, including the activities, food and facilities we got to stay at. More photos to come!

Ryan Watson

Junior Years Engagement Leader

Careers

Prepare to work safely in the construction industry (white card)

This unit of competency specifies the mandatory work health and safety training required prior to undertaking construction work.

Thursday 7 March

9am - 3pm onsite at school

\$150 per student

Year 10 students undertaking work experience in the construction industry will be required to complete this one-day course before work experience commences.

To attend email kelly.dickins@education.vic.gov.au or call into the engagement office as soon as possible to secure your place.

Kelly Dickins

Job, Skills & Pathways Coordinator

REMEMBER YOUR HATS FOR TERM 1

Bucket hats can be purchased from the front office for \$10.00

Year 12 Class of 2024



Milton Fulford - Some of my hobbies are playing footy, water skiing and hanging out with friends and family. I am looking forward to having the best time with all of my peers this year.

MUSIC

“In a world of peace and love, music would be the universal language.” — Henry David Thoreau

Thank you to all student musicians for their patience whilst I was on camp in week three and the PAC was closed - I hope that everyone was practicing their instruments at home. The PAC will resume being open during selected break times for students to practice/perform. As we move into week four, lessons will be focussed mainly towards the winter concert which is on the 18th of June. Students by now should know when their music lesson is and know when to bring their instrument/ music resources to school. A reminder to all

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students having music lessons, that regular practice is essential to maximise progress and quality of playing. Just another reminder that the 'NEVR Music Camp' is once again happening on the 19th-21st of March in Beechworth and students who wish to attend are more than welcome to email Mr McKee for more information. This event is not connected with the Tallangatta Secondary College, though I encourage musicians on all instruments to attend as it is a great opportunity to meet other musicians in the region and improve your skills. As always, many thanks for your support of our little music program.

Rhys McKee

Music Program Coordinator

Art

Year 8 Collection of Artwork

Please come and claim your beautiful ceramics from last year in A3. I will be in the art room Monday LUNCHTIME.

Ms Clifford.

Student Leadership Team

This week in SLT we have been organising the fundraiser event for Term 1. We are focussing on donating all of our money to The Good Friday Appeal, which is an organisation that helps children in the Royal Melbourne Children's Hospital. We are looking at doing an Easter raffle again this year and would be very grateful for any Easter raffle donations. This includes: chocolate, assorted bundles etc. We are still finalising a few things, like the theme and date of the event, but we will pass on this information as soon as we have made a decision.

The SLT team

English

Helping teens select appropriate reading material

Like most parents, I get excited when my kids want me to buy them books. I'm stoked they want to read and am happy to part with a few dollars to fuel their passion. However, unlike movies and magazines, books do not have restrictions on who can borrow or purchase them. YA (Young Adult) books cater for an age range of 12-18+; some are okay for 12- or 13-year-olds to read, but some books you can purchase online or on regular bookshelves (Dymocks, Kmart, Target) contain explicit content.

Just like when you're deciding whether to let them go to a movie, you can look up reviews on bookseller websites and check out their guides and warnings.

Eg. A book currently being promoted on TikTok's BookTok, called 'Twisted Love', is promoted on Amazon as 'Twisted Love: the must-read brother's best

friend romance', which sounds innocent enough, but comes with this warning from 'goodreads':

WARNING: This book contains a possessive, morally gray alphahole; explicit sexual content, and profanity. Recommended for 18+.

Please support your child by talking with them about what they're reading and checking out any titles you're unfamiliar with – it's as simple as a quick Google or ask Siri.

Kate Pristov & Sue Carey

English Learning Area Leaders



SPORT



VCE VET Sport and Recreation



Year 1 and 2 VCE VET Sport and Recreation students officiating at the SSV Upper Hume Division swimming carnival at Waves last Friday 16th February.



Senior Boys Cricket – Through to Hume!



We're all familiar with the excitement created by the Big Bash; sixes and fours getting smashed all over the park...well it's got nothing on the 10 over format of the game. 10 overs per innings equals only 60 legal deliveries from which to score.

The Senior Boys Cricket Team, comprising of: Nash 'The Destroyer' Macaulay, Hudson 'I'll give it a crack' Prichard, Will 'Bobcat' McCoy, Baxter 'DJ' Wilson, Charlie 'Skip' Heff, John 'Fonzie' Dove, Harley 'Let's play footy' Wilson, Beau 'Man v food' Nicklin, Blake Capper, Bailyn 'Bubba' Dove, Milton 'The Secret weapon' Fulford and Ethan 'Who knew he could keep?' Slocombe, enjoyed a sensational day at Willow Park on



Tuesday, playing two 10 over format matches against schools from Rutherglen and Yarrowonga.

The boys absolutely smashed the first innings, making 125 off Yarrowonga's 60 deliveries. That's a run rate Maxwell would be proud of!!! Nash and Charlie both retired unbeaten on 27, with Will, Beau and Baxter the other main contributors.

Yarrowonga's openers had no answers to Beau and John, who sent the bails flying all over the place. But, their mids were starting to gain some momentum when Charlie pulled out his secret weapon. Enter...Milton 'the weapon' Fulford! Two quick wickets and the game was all over – Yarrowonga only managing 56 off a stellar bowling performance by all the boys.

The sun was obviously getting to the boys in the second match with a bit of a slower start, but still, Nash and John made their max of 25, and Slocom almost carried his bat. All up, a team total of 89 at the end of the 10 overs. The Rutherglen boys started okay, but we had them at 4 for 22 at the halfway mark, when Will McCoy came through like a cyclone in the tropics, taking 3 wickets in the next over. Some stellar keeping from Heff with a stumping and catch finished them off. Rutherglen falling almost 40 runs short, finishing on 9 for 52.

The games were played in great spirits by all the boys. Off to the next level in Week 6 lads....lets get ready!

Sue Carey



Meet our New Staff

Throughout the next few issues of the newsletter, our Year 9 Media class will interview all our new teachers for 2024.

Miss Naomi Fisher



Miss Naomi Fisher is here working at Tallangatta Secondary as an Education Support worker. She is helping Ms Samara Clifford and Miss Samantha Maude with art, media and the production of the Tallangatta Herald. Naomi was studying visual art and design at Charles Stuart University in Wagga Wagga. She got her bachelor's degree and now Naomi is at Tallangatta.

Naomi likes to draw, paint, sew, sculpt, and she recently started to learn crochet. Naomi also runs the local Dungeons & Dragons Club, which involves a lot of planning, writing and game design on her end as the usual game runner.

Naomi likes teriyaki chicken sushi rolls. But she prefers sweet, salty and umami flavours, which she finds to be quite well balanced in Asian cuisine.

At home or while Naomi is crafting, she listens to a lot of Irish inspired music, mostly Sea Shanties, but in a work environment Naomi likes listening to more fast-paced music with a good drum line such Alt. Rock or sometimes Metal to help keep her brain engaged and on task.

“Just Stab Me Now” by Jill Bearup is a story within a story and a bit of a meta-commentary on writing fiction and how characters can take a life of their own in an author's mind, as one part of the book follows an author trying to write a fantasy story, another part follows the heroine of said fantasy story trying to deal with political

shenanigans, and the third part is the author and the heroine interacting, as the author is trying to make things more interesting and the heroine just wants to go home already.

Naomi like to play Pokenman Go count. Traditional sports and exercise have never caught her interest. However, Naomi goes for Geelong Cats as that's the team her dad goes for. It annoys her footy-serious uncle who she finds hilarious, and one of their colours is Navy Blue which is a favourite of hers.

Grace Macaulay, Keeley Owen, and Anita Stanojevic
Student Reporter

From the Wellbeing Team

Helping schools promote positive menstrual health

Free pads and tampons are available in every government school in Victoria - because being able to access sanitary products shouldn't be a barrier to students getting the most out of their education.

In Victoria periods are no longer a taboo. Victoria is the first state or territory in Australia to ensure every government school student has universal access to free sanitary products.

Lack of easy access to pads and tampons can negatively impact on students' participation in sport and everyday school activities. Students may not be able to concentrate in class, feel comfortable or feel confident doing physical activity, or they may miss school altogether. By making sanitary pads and tampons freely available at school, we are one step closer to educational equality.

Sanitary items are a necessity, not a luxury. However, we unfortunately have seen our products abused and misused. If everyone can create discussion of this program and discuss respect of these products it would be muchly appreciated.

Until further notice these products will be available from:

- *Wellbeing
- *Library
- *SEL offices.

Renee Carkeek and Leah O'Neil
Wellbeing Team

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