

Thursday, 1st February 2018

## TO BE THE BEST I CAN BE

On behalf of the staff at Tyabb Railway Station School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success. It is everyone's responsibility to educate a child.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she: **1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience, 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers, 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills, 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life, 5) Knows that you support the school and teachers.**

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities: **1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom, 2) Reading with children who need extra help, 3) School-wide events, 4) Gardening Club.**

I am attaching a copy of our school expectations so that you and your child can review them together. Students are given "yabbie" tokens as rewards for them to spend at the Yabbie Shack when a staff member or community member (eg Ken the crossing man) witnesses a student acting in a safe, respectful or responsible manner. If you have any questions about school expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

Our school values **commitment, creativity, collaboration, connectedness and communication**. We will be unpacking each of these values throughout the year and defining what each value looks like. We believe these values are important for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The wonderful staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

**Emma Slater**  
*Principal*

### General reminders:

- \* The Newsletter is published fortnightly. Copies can be downloaded from our webpage and on Flexibuzz.
- \* Please download the App 'Flexibuzz', lots of reminders will be sent from the office and classroom for various items/events.
- \* Please call the **absence line** if your child is not attending school on a particular day, clearly stating the date and reason for absence.
- \* Payments for excursions are to be made by the due date. Please see Vikki or Mandy if a payment plan is required.
- \* Any medications are to be signed in at the office by parent/guardian. No medications are to be left in the classroom.



Families please note works will be commencing on the 5th February along The Crescent for six weeks to upgrade the water mains. We have been assured there will be no disruption to access to water during this time. Any water that is to be cut for a period of time will be done on a weekend. Please take extra care when dropping off and collecting your children. We recommend utilizing the car park at the hall and using the crossing at all times.

# T.R.S.P.S

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Unique  
Individuals

One Strong  
School

## February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Foundation 1st Day! 9am-12.30pm	<b>2</b> Foundation 9am-12.30pm	3
4	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> No Foundation (interviews)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	10
11	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> No Foundation (interviews)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	17
18	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> No Foundation (interviews) Swimming Carnival Grade 1-6	<b>22</b> Kelly Sports Twilight Picnic 4.30pm-6.30pm	<b>23</b>	24
25	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Foundation (interviews)			

### January Birthdays..

1st	Marley-Moonshine	RM1
7th	Jack	RM4
12th	Corben	RM1
15th	Mia	RM2
	Sam	RM3
16th	Sophie	RM5
17th	Havanna	RM1
18th	Tayah	RM7
20th	Skylah	RM3
27th	Abigail	RM4
29th	Amy	RM2



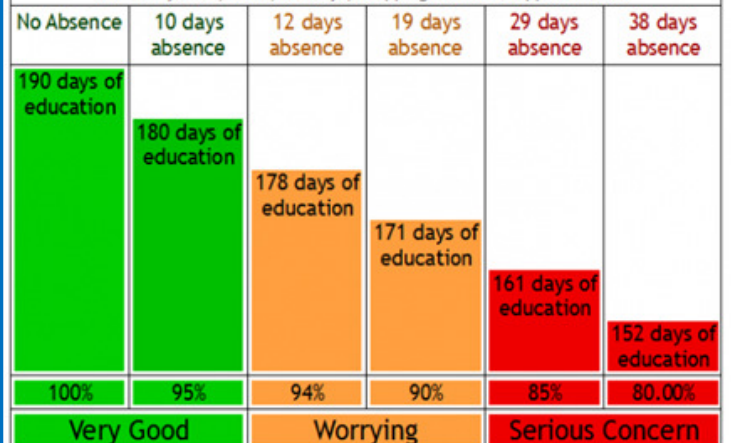
### “Every Day Counts”

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

### The effect of absence on progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.



How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won't affect my child

## School Hats



A Reminder all to Parents and Students that hats will need to be worn for all outdoor play as of the start of term 4. **NO hat NO play.**

Please ensure your child has a school approved hat. School hats must be broad rimmed to provide sufficient protection from UV rays. Please note that caps are **not acceptable** as they do not provide necessary protection from the sun and UV rays. Thank you for your cooperation.