Dear Parents,

It is amazing that we are already in March. Our school has made a great start to the year and everything is buzzing along nicely.

2017 Enrolment
I am currently doing a large number of Prep tours for 2017 and we already have approximately 35 enrolments! Can I please ask all existing parents who have a child of school age next year to get an enrolment form from our office and complete it as soon as possible? If you know of prospective parents who want to enrol their child at our school in 2017 please encourage them to book for a school tour at their earliest convenience.

Curriculum Days
We have a curriculum day scheduled for March 22nd. World 4 Kids will be providing care on this day. Please find further information in this newsletter or contact Josh for a booking.

Easter Raffle
Easter raffle tickets will be sent home next Monday. It would be greatly appreciated if parents and students could sell their Easter raffle tickets. We would also appreciate donations of Easter Eggs for the hamper prizes. All Easter Eggs can be dropped off to Colleen in the office.

School Council Elections
The time for School Council elections is again upon us with the process to be completed in the coming weeks. I take this opportunity to encourage any parents who may be considering standing for council to contact me should they wish to discuss any aspect of council operation.

Meet the Teacher Afternoon
Several of our wonderful teachers will not be available for Meet the Teacher afternoon due to professional development commitments. The teachers who are unavailable tomorrow are Ms Davies, Ms Herbert, Mrs A’Hearn, Ms Barnett and Mr Riffat. These teachers will be available for a Meet the Teacher afternoon on March 15 from 3.45 to 4.45. Unfortunately in a packed term one calendar, finding a date where everyone was available was very difficult.

Communicating With Students
I would like to remind all parents that communicating with other students in a negative way is simply not on and cannot be tolerated. It is the job of the teachers and our office staff to work with students to ensure everyone is feeling happy and engaged in our school. In my 20 years of experience in education, I have found that parents getting involved in student disputes only causes greater angst and does not help solve the situation at hand.

Maths In Action 2016
Our first Maths in Action task for 2016 is in this newsletter. Please encourage your children to complete the task and hand it to the office area. There will be some prizes awarded and will be a fun task for our students to complete.

Regards Chris
Notice Of Election And Call For Nominations

A “Notice of Election and Call for Nominations” form has been posted in locations around our school. This notice sets out the timeline for the election process and is advising our school community that Parent positions on School Council are due to be filled.

Parents should note that nomination forms are now available from the school office.

To become an elected member on School Council you must be nominated in either the Parent or Department employee category. To nominate yourself, or someone else, a nomination form must be filled in. The nominator, seconder and candidate must be three separate persons who are eligible to vote in the election. Completed nomination forms must be lodged at the office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday 8th March 2016.

Election Timeline

1. **Tuesday 1st March 2016**
   Notice of Election and Call for Nomination form and Information handout posted around school.
2. **Tuesday 8th March 2016**
   Nominations to be lodged by 4pm on this day.
3. **Wednesday 9th March 2016**
   All ballot papers (if required) posted to the Electorate of the school.
4. **Wednesday 16th March 2016**
   Closure of voting at 4pm
5. **Wednesday 16th March 2016**

Families! We have a great Easter Holiday Program coming up in April and we are really excited about the activities and days that we have planned.

During Week 1, we have a Hip Hop Dance Day, with Dance Workshop with a Hip Hop Teacher!! We’re heading to Aquapluse in Hoppers Crossing the newest indoor pool venue in Melbourne, with twin waterslides and play zone this is going to be great no matter what the weather. We have our C faction day - Cartooining, Cooking, Craft and Competitions!! Come along and Chillax! On the Friday we’re into St Kilda to go crazy at the Iconic Luna Park!!

In Week 2, we have our Annual Sports Challenge Carnival, where it’s World4kids vs World4kids! Which centre will reign supreme! Our Star Wars craft day is going to be as cool as HOTH! We’ve organised some awesome paper craft and activities for everyone to create and take home. Come dressed as your favourite character!! Our Cooking day is always a huge hit and we’ll finish with a MOVIE day (Popcorn and Drink INCLUDED). You’ll get to choose from the huge hits Kung Fu Panda 3 and the new Zootopia!

Parents please remember you must be enrolled in the program to come to our School Holiday Program and bookings close 14th March, so get your flyer and send it back quick. We do have days that have been sold out before and we may have that happen again, so don’t miss out!!

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MUSIC AT TAYLORS LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016

At Taylors Lakes Primary School our music program offers an hourly session for all children from the Foundation years to Grade 6. This year we have three music specialist teachers, Jenny Wakeling, Vicky Klepkas and Caroline Le Sueur. Each session focuses on developing musical intelligence, building self-esteem and confidence. Areas and topics covered in music range from instrumental families and instrument recognition to musical elements and sound exploration. The styles of music, song structure, musical notation, world music and performing to an audience are also explored.

In addition to the classroom music sessions, children can take part in Instrumental Programs. The groups are seen as Enrichment Programs that are provided by our music department to further develop and extend students. Each year the groups are formed with new students, therefore the sound and ideas created are unique and different. There are 3 different ensembles that involve students from all grade levels spanning across the school.

**Grade 3 & 4: Choir (approx. 30 students)**
teacher Dom Cristiano

**Grade 5: Ukulele Band (approx. 12 students)**
teacher Angelique Anastasiadis

**Grade 6: Percussion Ensemble (approx. 15 students)**
teacher Caroline Le Sueur

The Metro Music Program is an outside organisation that provides private and group music lessons to students during class time. This opportunity allows children to further their music skills by learning an instrument such as the Keyboard, Piano, Guitar, Singing or Drums.

**Benefits of music**

- It promotes higher-order thinking, emotional engagement and motor development
- Helps us to understand our own and other cultures, past and present
- Contributes to the school community quality of life
- Encourages team work and cohesiveness, discipline and commitment
- Contributes to sensitivity and emotional stability
- Encourages mastery, patience and persistence
- Fosters creativity and individuality

Music is a learning area that is valued highly at TLPS. The benefits of music making are recognised and celebrated through the whole school event - **Music Count Us In** and weekly assembly performances.
Tiqbiz

Tiqbiz is an app that is available for use on many different devices. We will be using this app to communicate with parents. We are currently using Tiqbiz for: Newsletters, Calendar, Absences and School Information.

We encourage every parent / guardian to download the Tiqbiz App and add Taylors Lakes Primary School to their inbox.

You will be able to submit student absences via the app, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger.

Helpful Hints:

When finding "our name" type in Taylors Lakes Primary School in the "find" section.

When ticking, all families need to tick "Whole School" as well as the categories unique to you eg. Grade 2.

Find and tick

Log-in
Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

Find
Click the 'Find Boxes' and type our name into the search bar. Select us from the results.

Tick
Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you're connected.

Inbox
Click on the inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Tiqbiz enables our school to communicate directly with our school community in a quick and accurate manner. It would be greatly appreciated if every parent can please download this App immediately if you have not already done so. Please come to the school if you are having difficulty downloading tiqbiz.

Regards Chris
STUDENT LEADERS:

Grade 5:
Vivienne Nguyen Erin Anderson Damien Bozinovski Seth Doyle

Grade 6:
Jack Darcy Connor Below Ryan Beasy
Hana Ueda Atara Gunasekara Alexandra Lekovski

School Captains:
Massimo Valerio
Larissa Farrugia

Green House Captains: Declan & Kristina Vice Captains: Iosefo & Evelyn

Gold House Captains: Eti & Athena Vice Captains: Peter & Teagan

Blue House Captains: Mark & Mia Vice Captains: Luke & Naomi

Red House Captains: Ryder & Zarah Vice Captains: Ethan & Amy

BRIDGES Literacy Program

The BRIDGES Program is an individual Literacy program designed for students who require additional support in literacy.

We are keen to have this program operating at Taylors Lakes Primary School. A key factor of the BRIDGES program is the use of volunteer tutors from our school community. Without volunteers the program cannot be successfully implemented.

We are looking for volunteers who could devote approximately 30 minutes for a minimum of two or three days each week. You would be required to participate in a short training session and to hold a 'Working with Children' check. We would then match you with a student and provide everything you need - all we need from you is your time and commitment.

If you are interested in participating in this innovative school-community reading program as a Literacy Assistant please contact us on 9390 3388:

Helen Ioannou (Bridges Co-ordinator)

Or

Robyn Street (Welfare Co-ordinator)
W4K Curriculum Day Care

“We have curriculum days running on March 22nd. World4kids will be running a curriculum day program on this day. The day will run from 7am through to 6pm and cost $60 for the full days care. Enrolments in World4kids and Bookings for each day are ESSENTIAL! Existing Before or After School Care bookings will not be transferred to this as curriculum days are separate to normal BSC and ASC programs. It's going to be a great day with lots of fun and activities for the children on those days.

We are hoping to have sufficient number to organise an excursion or have a special incursion come in for the day, but we need sufficient numbers to do so. Please email your bookings to taylorslakes@world4kids.net or speak to our staff in the After School Care.”

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS

FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

$125 Primary Students
$225 Secondary Students

Parents are encouraged to apply by the 29th February so that payments can be received from Mid March.

Applications strictly close on the 1st June 2016

No Late application forms will be accepted.

Application forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from:

| FSV |  |
| FJS |  |
| FMV |  |
| FHP |  |
| FAA |  |
| FAV |  |
| 1ST | Mia H |
| 1AK | Billy |
| 1AA | Mia W |
| 1JB | Aliyah |
| 2HB | Jack |
| 2LW | Antoinette |
| 2ST | Jasmine |
| 2AR | Miranda  Harvey |
| 3KG | Liam  Noah |
| 3EH | Tenuli |
| 3JS | Chloe |
| 3CP | Sasha  Ibrahim |
| 3SB | Daphne |
| 4AQ | Olivia |
| 4IL | Madisyn  Benjamin |
| 4DC | Dasha  Jack |
| 4DN | Aiden  Alana |
| 4VR | Charlize  Will |
| 5CD | Yianni  Shaun |
| 5AD | Erin  Jerome |
| 5RA | Eirini  Dominic |
| 5PM | Evelyne  Luke |
| 6RM | Leyla  Thomas |
| 6LM | Tina |
| 6PL | Kai  Wissam |
| 6KK | Ryder |
| ART | Eti  Emily |
| MUSIC | Atara  Jack |
| PE | Zac 2HB |
| ICT |  |
| SPAN-ISH | Ha Lien 2HB |
| PRIN | Levi  Kayleigh |
MATHS IN ACTION.....IS BACK! Term 1

Select your grade area and complete the task at home or at school. Present it on paper to your classroom teacher. Prizes awarded to random children in each grade area.

BE CREATIVE!

FOUNDATION
CAN YOU FIND?
What can you find in our classroom that there are two of? (eyes on each person, hands, feet)
What can you find in our classroom that there are four of? (legs of the chair, seats at the tables, four people with glasses, four brown teddies)
What other numbers can you count in our room?
Children could draw what they find or the teacher could take photos to make a Numbers in our classroom book.

YEARS 1 AND 2
WHAT'S YOUR NAME WORTH?
Each letter of the alphabet has a value according to alphabetical order, eg A = 1, B = 2 etc.
What is your name worth? Add the values for each letter.
How did you add your letters? What strategies did you use?
Who has the name with the highest value? What if you used your last name as well? Or your middle name? How would you add the letters now?
As an extra challenge, can you write a word that is worth exactly 20? Or 50? Or 100? What about a sentence with a value of 20 or 50 or 100?

YEARS 3 AND 4
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS
Last month I sent off for a kit to make Christmas Crackers. It contained:
- Three colours of hat: red, yellow and blue
- Four types of novelty: toy car, spinning top, magnifying glass and miniature hairbrush
- Four different types of joke slips
All the other parts were the same type. The kit contained enough bits for 50 crackers. Can I make each cracker different from all the others?

YEARS 5 AND 6
TEN DIGIT NUMBER PUZZLE
Find a 10-digit number where the first digit is how many zeros in the number, the second digit is how many 1s in the number etc. until the tenth digit which is how many 9s in the number.

To be completed by Week 7, Tuesday 15th March.
Meet the Teachers
OPEN CLASSROOMS

We invite all parents and guardians to visit our school and meet the teachers. All classrooms will be open for a set period of time and you will be free to wander through the spaces your children learn in, whether it be their classroom or specialist room.

This is not a time for parent and teacher interviews, however it is a time for you to meet the teachers, look at how your child has settled in and find out what learning experiences are ahead for your child this year.

WHEN: Wednesday 2nd March 2016

TIMES: Grades 1 & 2 4:30pm to 5:30pm
      Grades 3 & 4 5:00pm to 6:00pm
      Grades 5 & 6 5:30pm to 6:30pm
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MUSIC LESSONS AT TAYLORS LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Taylors Lakes Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to Student who are interested in learning and instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep – Gd. 6)

Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School). This program has been initiated for the benefit of Taylors Lakes PS Students.

Lessons offered: KEYBOARD PIANO GUITAR SINGING

Discount hiring and purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

FROM $11.00 per lesson (incl. GST)

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or contact Metro Music School direct on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above web address.

Applications must be completed online for “Working with Children” Check.

Go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications

- Click on Applications, then
- Apply for a Check
- Start Application
- Print Application Summary
- Finalise application at a participating
  Australia Post retail outlet taking with you
  Proof of Identity Documents and a passport
  quality photo.

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