



Monthly School Newsletter

March 1, 2022

From the Principal

This year we have a theme of **Rise High in 2022**. Everyone has the opportunity to soar and achieve at our school.

We have started the year with very little disruption due to Covid-19. We have been supplied with air purification units that have been placed in all classrooms and we are ensuring that we have good airflow throughout the classrooms.

We didn't gain any new enrolments for the start of the year so it was nice to get back into the swing of focusing on our classroom priorities. We will however have a big push to promote our school for beyond 2022 with a couple of exciting school based activities that will allow us to show the rest of the world how great our small school is.



Our classroom structure has moved to one multi-levelled classroom with students working on their own Individual Learning Plans. These plans show the students where they are currently in their learning journey, include a goal that the students help identify for each learning area and a learning path to their next level.

There are planned maintenance works for the end of term including resealing of the basketball court, shade sails and work on the roofing. We will do our best to reduce the impact on the students and will make sure they are kept well away from any building/repair sites.

We have introduced value trees this year in the colours of our school values. They are located in the entrance of the Multi-purpose room and are looking great. As the year progresses we will have students add to the trees as a reminder that at Tanjil South PS we C.A.R.E. When students are demonstrating effort in any of the 4 areas we will award them with a fruit "certificate" to add to the tree and at the end of the year each student will get a certificate to show how many of the fruit they got. Additionally we will have a focus value each fortnight which will be incorporated into lessons and activities throughout that time.



Lots of great things have already occurred this term and with all the activity and events coming up I know we are all going to have a great year.

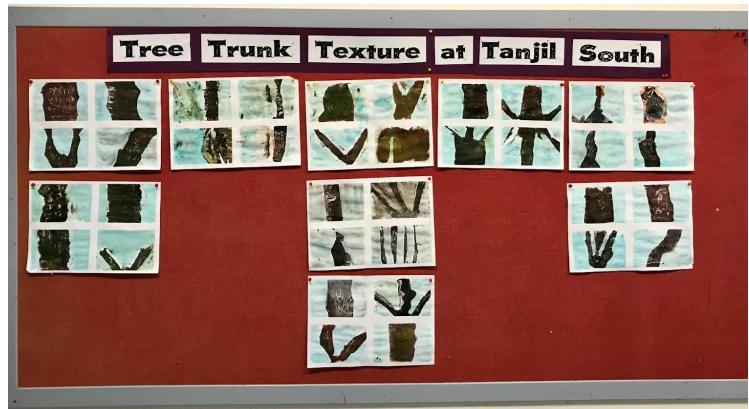
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Events

- School Council Nominations Close - **1 March**
- School Council AGM & Committee Meeting - **8 March**
- School Photos - **10 March**
- Inter-school Sports - **11 March**
- Labour Day Holiday - **14 March**
- Smile Squad Dental visit - **16 - 18 March**



School Notices

Notes

We have had to follow up on a lot of important notes. Please make sure you check with your child for any notes that have been sent home and return them promptly.

Head Lice

Continue to be vigilant in checking for lice or eggs regularly. We will be continuing regular inspections and sending notes home.

School Absences

Please make sure that you inform the school of any absences, although the students will often tell us why such and such is away or the students come in and tell us the following day, we need to mark the roll with absence codes and if we have not been informed the absence is marked as unknown reason.

Covid-19

Students in grade 3-6 are required to wear masks indoors. We supply masks and encourage students to change them regularly. If you are coming onsite it is expected that you follow the current guidelines and restrictions especially if you are entering buildings. Face masks must be worn indoors or where social distancing is not possible, evidence of 2 or more doses of vaccine must be available if requested, follow hygiene etiquette, and notify the school if you have or develop symptoms.

RAT

Rapid Antigen Tests are available from the office. It is a recommendation that students are tested twice a week and if a positive test result is returned then the school and the department of health must be notified.

Assembly

Assembly will be held every second Friday (next assembly will be March 4). These are held in the Multi-purpose room at 3:00pm and we would love for you to join us. It is a great time to celebrate achievements, learning, and our great school. During the assembly the students will be practising public speaking and we share important information. We are in the process of learning how to film them and we will publish videos that only include those students that have had returned consent to the school allowing them to be filmed.

Fun Food Fridays

We are making Fridays the day where we can bring in some fun food. This is the day that you can send in food for the pie warmer or microwave and any special flavoured drinks such as juice or milk (no soft drinks).

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School Sports

Our school sports are combined with 3 other local primary schools. This will happen on **March 11**. The start for the day is **8.45 and should finish around 2.30pm**. They will be held at the Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough. Parents are required to arrange their own transport to and from the track. Each year all schools are allocated responsibilities for the day as well as organising some volunteers to help out. We will be running the sprints (with the help of Wanda... Okay, Okay so Wanda is the queen of the sprints and whips us all into shape) and we will need people to help out with recording of times, volunteering to supervise year level groups, assist with equipment such as the high jump bar, setting up hurdles, and willing to pitch in where needed. I know that on sports day it is a time to be proud and supportive of your children, however it is a long day if events get held up or delayed because we don't have enough volunteers to stick to the timetable. **Please let me know if you will be willing to take on a role for the day.**

School Value Awards

<p>Our school values show we CARE. They are: C for Cooperation A for Achievement R for Respect E for Empathy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Student Awards for February →</p>		
		

In the Classroom

In **reading** we cycle through 12 different focus areas: Solving Words, Monitoring and Self Correcting, Adjusting, Summarising, Maintaining Fluency, Searching and Using Information, Predicting, Making Connections, Synthesising, Inferring, Critiquing, and Analysing. These fall into 3 categories - Within the text, About the text, and Beyond the text. Our focus for March is **Within the text**.

Writing is structured into text types and we do two text types per term. We are currently finishing off our personal Writing unit and will finish off the term with **Persuasive Writing**.

Our focus for **Maths** has been; Whole Number from the Number and Algebra strand. This area narrows down to exploring place value in a range of different ways. In March we will also cover Length, Shape and finally Statistics.

We also continue to offer **Music, Art, Health & PE, Science, and Humanities**. Unfortunately we don't have a teacher to facilitate a Language Other Than English currently.

Our **Wellbeing** focus is through the **Rights, Resilience, and Respectful Relationships program** with our school values embedded in all that we do.

