

Thursday, 27st June 2019

TO BE THE BEST I CAN BE

Don't Forget Friday Assembly at 9:15am

Come along and see the winners of Tyabbs' Got Talent.

New Enrolments for 2020

To assist us with our classroom planning for next year we ask that you let us know if you have a child who will be enrolling at Tyabb Railway Station Primary School in 2020. If you may know of anyone who lives in our school zone yet to enrol their child/children for next year, please ask them to contact the school.

Earn and Learn Thanks to everyone who has been collecting stickers! If you have any at home, please bring them in tomorrow so we can begin counting!

Bottle Top Collections- Another sustainable practice

We are now asking our school community to start collecting plastic bottle tops with a number 2 or 4 on the underside of the cap. These caps are being used to make prosthetic limbs for children in countries where land mines have damaged or destroyed an arm or part of. Please collect these caps and encourage friends, family and relatives to be part of something simple but extremely worthwhile. The collection deposit box will be at the office.

Chocolate Drive for our Junior Soccer Pitch

Mrs Sommers was overwhelmed by the response and support from our families selling chocolates. Thank you to Mrs Sommers for organising and to Mrs Buchan for counting all the coins. There are still many outstanding boxes. If you still need to return your money or unsold chocolates please do so ASAP. Thank you for helping this to be a profitable fundraiser for our school.

Parking:

It has been reported to the office that people have been parking in the disabled carpark outside the school fence and the staff car park. It is for safety reasons that no parent can collect or pick up their child from the staff carpark. The disabled parking space needs to be free for those who need it. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Holiday Learning Opportunities:

Research shows that there are some fun and simple things that you can do to help guard against the 'holiday slump' in learning, and your kids can actually make gains over the holidays.

1. **Join and visit the library:** A research study has found that just by giving kids 12 books to read over the holidays raised students' reading scores. The students were allowed to pick their own books, and researchers believe that giving kids choice over their reading material was a key part of the research success. Even 4-5 books over the holidays has shown to prevent the 'holiday slump'. The Hastings, Somerville and Mornington Libraries are open over the holidays offering different reading programs. Membership is free, and the library has something (from magazines, popular junior fiction, picture story books and nonfiction books) for everyone.

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2. Play some games with your kids: Playing Uno helps young children learn number and colour recognition. Playing games like snakes and ladders with 2 dice, helps children practise addition strategies like counting on, pairs to ten, doubles, etc. For older kids, playing Yahtzee helps kids practice addition and multiplication skills, as well as developing their understanding of probability. All you need is 5 dice: you can download the score sheets free from the web. Card games like Memory and Go Fish are great for younger kids, while 21 helps older children develop mental addition skills. The important thing is to spend time playing with your children.

3. Write for fun: Done something fun? Get your child to draw and write a recount of the event. It may be a walk on the pier, a trip to somewhere special, going to a skate park or visiting relatives. Encourage your child to write about the events in order, describe the events, participants and the setting using details, and use different descriptive words (and have a go at spelling them).

Enhance their language: One of the best predictors of academic achievement is children's exposure to rich language. Spending time with your kids having diverse language experiences has an enormous impact on their development.

Parent Survey:

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All of our parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. The survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting. Last year we used the survey results to plan.

School Dismissal

All students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Friday June 28.

Have great break and we will see you again for the start of Term 3 on **Monday July 15**.

Emma Slater
Principal