



# Trawalla Primary School NEWSLETTER

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### Important dates coming up

#### FEBRUARY

Tue Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Japanese lessons start
Mon Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kate away (Cluster Leadership Meeting)
Fri Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van
Thur Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Day at Moonambel
Fri Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van
Mon Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cluster Day at Moonambel
Wed Mar 4-6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3-6 camp at Warnambool

Wednesday January 28th, 2026



### Welcome to our first newsletter for 2026

This year at Trawalla, we have seven students enrolled and we welcome back staff members. Olivia Van Gaans (Miss Van), who is teaching the Foundation - 2 class four days (Monday - Thursday). Sam Lambert is Education support in the 3-6 room. (Tuesday - Friday) We welcome Cara Fulcher (Miss Cara), who is teaching 3-6 Monday - Thursday and F-2 on Fridays. Kate Morcombe is teaching years 3 to 6 on Fridays. Jodie Jantzen is our Business Manager and she works in the school office on Tuesdays and every second Wednesday. Joshua Whateley is our computer technician and is working at school on Tuesday for four hours.

### Reminder - School Hats for Term 1

As we have commenced Term 1, please remember that all students are required to wear their school hats when outdoors.

If students forget their hat, they will need to remain in the undercover area during playtime.

Sunscreen is also available for students to apply before going outside.

If your child needs a new school hat, please contact Kate.



PE will be every day for 30 minutes with Miss Cara. The afternoon lessons will include Music with Kate, Science with Miss Van, Japanese with Sensai Miya, Kitchen Garden with Miss Van and Art with Miss Cara. The Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC van) visits fortnightly with Mr Morgan, providing an opportunity for students to borrow library books to take home. MARC van lessons are Friday mornings this year, delivering lessons based around literature, history and geography.

The school newsletter is sent home every Tuesday with the eldest child in the family. Families interested in receiving the newsletter via email please email the school on [trawalla.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:trawalla.ps@education.vic.gov.au) with "newsletter" as the subject. The weekly newsletters are also available on the school website [www.trawallaparimary.com](http://www.trawallaparimary.com)



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## **Catastrophic fire danger School Closures**

Trawalla Primary School continues to be identified as a school at high grassfire risk category 4. Trawalla Primary School must close on all days forecasted by the Bureau of Meteorology to be of Catastrophic fire danger rating (FDR) in our fire weather district.

**Below is an article outlining what schools and families are to do if a Catastrophic fire danger day is declared.**

### **Schools on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and Schools at Risk of Grassfire (Category 4)**

#### **School procedures for the bushfire season**

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DE Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at risk of grassfire (Category 4) will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire or grassfire risk. Where possible, we will provide parents with 24 hours notice of a potential Catastrophic fire danger day closure by letter, Facebook and SMS message. A Catastrophic fire danger day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Catastrophic fire danger day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic fire danger day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic fire danger area will be cancelled.



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On these Catastrophic fire danger days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic fire danger days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic fire danger day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

#### What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [www.trawallaparimary.com](http://www.trawallaparimary.com) and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- ABC local radio emergency broadcasters



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## 2026 Term 1 Timetable

2026	Monday (Cluster Days 3 times a term)	Tuesday	Wednesday IOC - Jacob	Thursday	Friday (MARC van alternate weeks 9:00am -12:30pm)
9:00 -10:00	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
10:00 – 10:10	Fruit Break				
10:10 – 11:00	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
11:00 – 11:30	Recess				
11:30 – 12:00	Spelling	Maths 11:30-12:30	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
12:00 – 1:00	Maths	Japanese 12:30-1:00 – via video link 1:00 – 1:30 – follow up Japanese activities	Maths	Maths	Maths
1:00 – 1:30	PE		PE	PE	PE
1:30 – 2:30	Lunch				
2:30 – 3:30	Music (Kate)	Science (Miss Van)	Art (Miss Cara)	Kitchen Garden (Miss Van)	JSC meeting (Kate) Assembly 3:15