



# Trawalla

## Primary School

### NEWSLETTER

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## Issue No. 3

**Tuesday February 10th, 2026**

### Dates to remember:

#### FEBRUARY

Mon Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Van on leave
Mon Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> to Wed Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia CRT - F-2 Room
Thu Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kate - F-2 Room
Fri Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm
Mon Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kate on Long Service Leave
Mon Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia CRT - F-2 Room
Tue Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> & Wed Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Cara & Sam - F-6
Wed Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pyrenees Library Van 1.15pm - 1.45pm
Thu Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia CRT - F-2 Room
Fri Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia CRT - 3-6 Room
Mon Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Tue Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia CRT - F-2 Room

Tue Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Council 7pm
Wed Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster video workshop morning F-6
Thu Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Day at Moonambel (filming day)
Fri Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm
<u>MARCH</u>	
Mon Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cluster Day at Moonambel
Wed Mar 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3-6 camp at Warnambool
Wed Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pyrenees Library Van 1.15pm - 1.45pm
Mon Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wed Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN writing
Thu Mar 12 <sup>th</sup> & Fri Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kate away - Network Conference
Fri Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm

### 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.



# WELCOME

**We would like to  
welcome our new  
Foundation student,  
Freddie,  
to Trawalla P.S.**



### Trawalla School Values Awards - 06.02.2026



**Hunter Jantzen** – For showing **Respect** by listening to instructions in class.



**Elsie Leigh-Read** – For making **Good Choices** when engaging in learning activities with the class.



**Tom Palmer** – For exhibiting **High Expectations** by continuing to challenge himself with his Place Value learning.





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#### Cluster Days

This term we will be attending Moonambel PS for our Cluster Days. They will be held on Monday 2nd, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March. In addition, there will also be a special Cluster Day at Moonambel PS on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, where we will be filming our Cluster Video. We will be travelling by Avis Bus. Cluster Excursion Consent and Medical forms are attached for parents to complete and **return to school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

#### 2026 Cluster 3-6 Camp

Cluster students have the opportunity to attend Warra Gnan Coast camp (Warrnambool) from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Some of the activities that will be happening at Warra Gnan include Surfing, mini golf, bike riding and beach walks to name a few. Please find attached camp forms with more information.

**Please complete the attached BLUE camp forms and return by this Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

#### Scholastic Book Club - Issue 1 2026

Issue 1 Book Club catalogues were attached to last week's newsletter. Orders are to be completed online by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

#### MARC Van

MARC Van will be on Friday's this year from 9.30pm to 2pm. Our first MARC van session with Mr Morgan will be this week, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. There will be no borrowing for the first MARC session. We can't wait to see the new MARC Van!

#### School Council

Our first School Council Meeting for 2026 will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Our AGM is held in March, at this meeting we elect office bearers and welcome new members to our School Council. I would like to invite you to join council. We meet twice a term for about one hour. It is an opportunity to be involved in your child's school and get to know other parents. Contact Kate if you would like more information.

#### School Fees

All students have been issued with stationery, books and computer subscriptions for 2026. The cost to families is \$80 per student. Attached to last week's newsletter was the itemised Parent Payments 2026 letter which outlines the charges and methods of payment. Please let us know if you require a new form.

#### Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy and the Schools' privacy collection notice. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents.

#### Photographing, Filming and Recording Students

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy (attached to last week's newsletter), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. Just a reminder to **please complete the consent form and return to school by THIS WEEK.** Please let us know if you require a new form.

#### Pyrenees Cluster Movie

Trawalla is joining with the other cluster schools to participate in the creation of a movie. The movie will feature a song written by the students of the 6 Pyrenees Cluster schools along with footage from each of the schools involved. Josh Arnold, musician, will be leading this opportunity. Josh will be at Trawalla on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> filming and working on the song lyrics with the students. On Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> we travel to Moonambel to do whole cluster filming and singing of the song.

A Media consent form is attached for parents to **complete and return to school by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.** Please let us know if you require a new form.





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#### Trawalla Code of Conduct

Staff and students have reviewed our Code of Conduct and discussed the contents. Attached is the Code of Conduct Student Agreement form. Students are to sign this and return it to school. Contact Kate know if you have any questions.

#### Before and after School Supervision

Yard duty teachers are on duty each morning from 8.30am. The start of school is 9.00am, when the bell is run. All children are expected to arrive at school each morning between 8.30am and 8.55am. Children are not to arrive at school before 8.30am, unless there is a prior arrangement due to special circumstances between the school and the parents.

Yard duty teachers will be on duty from 3.30pm to 3.40pm daily. Students not picked up by this time will be taken to the office for supervision.

#### Term 1, 2026 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 3</b> 09/02/26 to 13/02/26	Kate away - Cluster Prin. Leadership meeting Cynthia CRT - F-2 room Miss Van on leave Weeks 3, 4 & 5	Cynthia CRT - F-2 room	Cynthia CRT - F-2 room	Kate - F-2 room	MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm
<b>Week 4</b> 16/02/26 to 20/02/26	Kate away on Long Service Leave from 16/02 to 20/02 Cynthia CRT - F-2 room	Miss Cara & Sam - F-6	Miss Cara & Sam - F-6 Pyrenees Library Van 1.15pm - 1.45pm	Cynthia CRT - F-2 room	Cynthia CRT - 3-6 room
<b>Week 5</b> 23/02/26 to 27/02/26	Cynthia CRT - F-2 room	Cynthia CRT - F-2 room School Council 7pm	Cluster video workshop morning F-6	Cluster Day at Moonambel (filming day)	MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm
<b>Week 6</b> 02/03/26 to 06/03/26	Miss Van returns Cluster Day at Moonambel		3-6 Cluster Camp at Warrnambool Pyrenees Library Van 1.15pm - 1.45pm	3-6 Cluster Camp at Warrnambool	3-6 Cluster Camp at Warrnambool
<b>Week 7</b> 09/03/26 to 13/03/26	Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY		NAPLAN Writing	Kate away - Network Conference	Kate away - Network Conference MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm
<b>Week 8</b> 16/03/26 to 20/03/26			Pyrenees Library Van 1.15pm - 1.45pm		
<b>Week 9</b> 23/03/26 to 27/03/26	Cluster Day at Moonambel				MARC Van 9.30am - 2pm
<b>Week 10</b> 30/03/26 to 03/04/26	Cluster Day at Moonambel		Pyrenees Library Van 1.15pm - 1.45pm	Last day of Term 1 2.30pm dismissal	Easter Good Friday





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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly 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 \$400 for all school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



### Trawalla Primary School Policies

A reminder that Trawalla Primary School and DET policies can be viewed on our website – <https://www.trawallaps.vic.edu.au/policies-and-forms>