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Issue No. 32 **Tuesday October 13th, 2026**

Dates to remember:

OCTOBER

Tue Oct 13th	Mrs Van away - Mrs Harley CRT F-2
Fri Oct 16th	Swimming begins
Tue Oct 20th	School Council 7pm
Thu Oct 22nd	Golf at school 11.30am - 12.30pm
Fri Oct 23rd	MARC Van
Fri Oct 23rd	Swimming
Mon Oct 26th	Kate away - Cluster Prin. Meeting

Dates to remember:

Tue Oct 27th	Kate away - AI Symposium - Mrs Harley CRT
Wed Oct 28th	Foundation Transition Day 9am-11am
Wed Oct 28th	Student Led Conferences
Thu Oct 29th	Student Led Conferences
Thu Oct 29th	Golf at school 11.30am - 12.30pm
Fri Oct 30th	Swimming

NOVEMBER

Mon Nov 2nd	Pupil Free Day
Tue Nov 3rd	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Melbourne Cup

Reminder - School Hats for Term 4

As we have commenced Term 4, 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.

We are SUN SMART

VicHealth



Trawalla School Values Awards - 9.10.2026

Freddie Whyte – For showing ***Respect*** by taking turns responsibly in music.

Thomas Hadfield – For making ***Good Choices*** by working co-operatively with your partner in music.

Hunter Jantzen – For exhibiting ***High Expectations*** by working through set tasks with confidence.

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Student Led Conferences

We will be holding our Student Led Conferences (3 way conference) on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October (3:30 - 4:30) in place of parent teacher interviews. The 15 minute conferences provide a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge student progress and achievements. Details of how to book a time will be in next week's newsletter.

To book a time for the Student Led Conference, please refer to the attached Xuno instructions. Please note, that we have utilised the Xuno Parent Teacher Interview function to set up the days and times for the Student Led Conferences. If you are unable to book or have any questions, please contact Kate.

Swimming Program - Term 4 - starting this week!

Swimming will commence this Friday 16th October and will be every Friday (except Friday 4th December) until Friday 11th December. There is no cost to families. We will travel by Avis Bus, leaving here at 12.30pm and returning by approximately 2.45pm.

Please check Xuno for event details, to approve your child's attendance and to complete the Medical Form for Term 4. We are no longer sending home paper permission forms. Please let us know if you have any questions.

MARC Van

The next MARC Van session with Mr Morgan will be Friday 23rd October, from 9am to 12.30pm.

Pyrenees Mobile Library Van

The Pyrenees Mobile Library Van's next visit to Trawalla will be this week, Wednesday 14th October from 1.15pm to 1.45pm. Parents and members of the wider community are also invited to visit the van during their fortnightly visit.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be Tuesday 20th October, 7pm at Trawalla Primary School.

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 7 2026

Issue 7 Book Club catalogues were attached to last week's newsletter. Orders are to be completed online by Wednesday 21st October.

Golf - starting next week!

Our school has been successful in securing Term 4 Sporting Schools funding. This funding will enable students to participate in a series of golf clinics conducted at school by a qualified golf instructor. The clinics will be held from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on Thursdays - 22/10, 29/10, 12/11. 19/11 and 26/11.

We look forward to students enjoying this exciting opportunity to learn and develop their golf skills.

Avoca Arts Festival Mural

All students have been working with Miss Cara to create a mural as part of the Avoca Arts Festival. The mural is on display on 23rd -24th October Avoca Art Show and Sale. This years theme is : Rail/transport. Unfortunately we won't be proceeding with an Excursion to attend this event, however families are most welcome to attend in their own time.

The Pyrenees Advocate - My School

This Friday's edition of The Pyrenees Advocate's "My School" section will feature Trawalla Primary School. This is a great opportunity for our school to highlight to the local community the exciting programs and activities that our students participate in.



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Thunderstorm Asthma – Be Prepared This Pollen Season

Grass pollen season in Victoria usually runs from October to December. During this time, asthma, hay fever and allergy symptoms can worsen. There is also an increased risk of thunderstorm asthma. Ten years ago, Melbourne experienced the largest thunderstorm asthma event in the world. Thunderstorm asthma can occur suddenly and may be life-threatening, particularly for people whose asthma or hay fever is not well managed.

Trawalla Primary School has measures in place to help keep our school community safe. Many staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we monitor VicEmergency for thunderstorm asthma warnings. When required, students may be kept indoors during periods of increased risk.

Managing Asthma, Hay Fever and Allergies

With pollen counts increasing during spring, we encourage families to ensure students are prepared for the season. If your child has asthma, hay fever or allergies, please:

- Ensure their symptoms are well managed and that any prescribed medication is taken as directed.
- Speak with your doctor or pharmacist about developing an asthma, hay fever or allergy management plan and provide a copy of this to the school.
- Make sure your child has taken their hay fever medication before school, particularly on high pollen days.
- Consider providing the school with a supply of your child's prescribed hay fever medication to be kept at school for use when required. Please note that a Medical Authority Form must be completed by a parent/guardian before any medication can be administered at school. Please contact Kate to obtain this form.
- If your child experiences coughing, wheezing or breathing difficulties during hay fever season, consult your doctor to determine whether asthma may also be present.
- Ensure your child has access to their asthma reliever medication (puffer) if prescribed.
- Follow thunderstorm asthma forecasts and warnings through the VicEmergency website or app.
- Where possible, avoid being outdoors during thunderstorms, especially during the strong winds that precede a storm.
- Familiarise yourself with asthma first aid procedures.

For more information, speak with your doctor or pharmacist. You can also:

- Contact an asthma educator through 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).
- Visit the Better Health Channel for information about thunderstorm asthma, hay fever and allergy management.
- Check the VicEmergency website or app for thunderstorm asthma forecasts and warnings.

KITCHEN GARDEN ACTIVITIES



Students made cards and potted rosemary plants to celebrate World Teachers Day and to give to the staff at Trawalla PS.



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ART - AVOCA ARTS FESTIVAL MURAL









During Art, our students have been working hard on this incredible mural masterpiece, which will be proudly displayed at the Avoca Art Show. Measuring an impressive 1.3m x 2.8m, this stunning artwork showcases the creativity, teamwork, and dedication of our students.

Congratulations to Miss Cara and all of our Trawalla students for the enormous effort they have put into bringing this masterpiece to life!

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Term 4, 2026 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2 12/10/26 to 16/10/26		Mrs Van away - Mrs Harley CRT F-2			Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
Week 3 19/10/26 to 23/10/26		7pm, School Council		Golf 11.30am - 12.30pm	MARC Van 9.00am - 12.30pm Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
Week 4 26/10/26 to 30/10/26	Kate away - Cluster Principal Leadership meeting	Kate away - AI Symposium - Mrs Harley CRT	Foundation Transition Day 9am - 11am Student Led Conferences	Golf 11.30am - 12.30pm Student Led Conferences	Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
Week 5 02/11/26 to 06/11/26	Pupil Free Day - Staff PD	Public Holiday Melbourne Cup	Foundation Transition Day 9am - 11.30am	No Golf	MARC Van 9.00am - 12.30pm Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
Week 6 09/11/26 to 13/11/26	Cluster Day at Trawalla PS	Kate away (after photos) - Prin Forum - Mrs Harley CRT	School Photos 9am Foundation Transition Day 9am - 12noon Kate away - AIP Monitoring Meeting	Golf 11.30am - 12.30pm	Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm Kanishk - Cyber Security 3pm
Week 7 16/11/26 to 20/11/26		Mrs Harley - Gingerbread Houses	Mrs Harley - Gingerbread Houses	Golf 11.30am - 12.30pm Kate Network meeting	MARC Van 9.00am - 12.30pm Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
	Sunday 22nd November - Beaufort Agricultural Show				
Week 8 23/11/26 to 27/11/26	Cluster Day at Trawalla PS	7pm, School Council	Kate away - Network Meeting Ballarat	Golf 11.30am - 12.30pm	Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
Week 9 30/11/26 to 04/12/26	Cluster Day at Trawalla PS Year 6 Graduation	MARC Van 9.00am - 12.30pm			Robotics at Trawalla PS
Week 10 07/12/26 to 11/12/26		Statewide Transition Day Foundation Transition Day 9am - 1pm	Elf the Musical Melbourne Excursion (TBC)		Swimming 1.15pm - 2pm
Week 11 14/12/26 to 18/12/26		School Concert			Last day of Term 4 1.30pm dismissal

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS - COLOURING IN





2026 FOUNDATION TRANSITION PROGRAM

Trawalla staff would like to invite your child to attend the Trawalla Primary School kinder to school transition program.

The aims of the transition program are for children to:
- experience Trawalla Primary School routine
- be positive and happy about starting school
- meet other students
- meet the teachers

Transition days are:
- Wednesday October 28th, 9am to 11am
- Wednesday November 4th, 9am to 11.30am (after recess)
- Wednesday November 11th, 9am to 12noon
- Tuesday December 8th, 9am to 1pm (eat lunch at school)

Each visit will include reading and literacy activities with maths sessions on the longer days. Children will need to bring a drink bottle, fruit for fruit break at 10am, morning tea and lunch for the longer days. All children need to wear a broad brimmed hat.

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