

#### Upcoming events

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September The Lea Scout Camp — Grades 7-8

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September Wizard of Oz performance – Swansea Primary School K-6

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September PEP Talk – Grade 9-10 Girls

Friday 27<sup>th-</sup> September Whole School Assembly – 9am - 10:30am

House Activities Day

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October Students return to School

#### Term dates:

Term 3
22nd July – 27th September
Term 4
14th Oct – 19th December

Student Free Days: 25th October



Department for Education, Children and Young People

# **Triabunna District School**

Issue No 15: 24 September 2024

#### From The Principal

Dear Parent, Guardian, Students and Community Members,

What an action-packed few weeks we've had! This week, our Year 4/5 students took to the stage to perform *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*—a truly delightful production. Congratulations to all the students involved! Special thanks to Ms. Scott, Eliza, Mr. Gracia, and our secondary students who worked tirelessly behind the scenes with lighting, set design, and stage management.

Last Monday, Freycinet House celebrated their win for the term with a fun-filled rewards day. Primary students enjoyed a visit to Bounce, while secondary students had a great time at Zone Bowling. Congratulations to Freycinet House and thank you to the teachers who accompanied the students on these exciting excursions.

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our open afternoon last Tuesday. It provided a valuable opportunity for families to see their children's learning in action and to engage with teachers.

Thursday brought another highlight as our K-6 students participated in the East Coast Cluster Olympics at Swansea Primary School. The event, which brought together students from Orford and Swansea Primary, was a fantastic opportunity for connection and friendly competition. A great day was had by all!

This week, our Grade 7/8 students will head to The Lea in Kingston for a three-day camp. I am confident they will have a fantastic time and represent TDS as respectful and polite students.

A quick reminder: our end-of-term assembly will be held this Friday in the gym, starting at 9:00 AM.

As we approach the holidays, there are a few important reminders I'd like to share. Our staff are here to care for and educate your children, and we are committed to resolving any issues that arise at school. However, we've seen an increase in students using their phones to contact parents directly when issues occur during school hours. This makes it difficult for us to address problems effectively since we're often not made aware of them in time. It can also cause unnecessary concern for parents who may feel the school isn't following up on certain behaviours.

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Rest assured, we diligently address behaviour issues, especially those between students, and work with them to find resolutions. However, this is only possible when we are informed about what is happening. Additionally, we've noticed an increase in unkind messages being sent by students to each other. Our mobile phone policy is clear, phones should be switched off and out of sight during the school day. Unfortunately, this policy is not always being followed, leading to disruptions and distress for students. I encourage all parents to have conversations with their children about responsible phone use. If these issues persist, we may need to tighten our mobile phone policy to ensure the school remains a safe learning environment for all.

We've also had some concerns regarding interactions with staff. While our staff is always willing to assist, I kindly ask that these interactions remain respectful. Verbal abuse toward staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

As we head into the holidays, I ask that you keep an eye on the school grounds and report any suspicious activity.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved holiday break, and I look forward to seeing all students back after the holidays.

Erica Winger

Principal



### School Lunch Program

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – No School Lunch program

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Butter Chicken and Vegetable Curry both served with rice.



#### SPSSA Winter Carnival – Bowen Eagles Football Team

On the 20th of August, Jimmy and Maddix from Grade 6 went to the SPSSA Winter Carnival to play Aussie Rules football. Both boys were selected as part of this team after participating in trials earlier in the term. Maddix had a broken arm, so he helped by being a runner and supporting his team. Jimmy played in three games of football, playing in many positions around the ground. Each team won at least one game and there were 6 regions being represented. Both boys enjoyed the sausage sizzle for lunch and the camaraderie on and off the field.

Well done to Maddix and Jimmy for their selection and for representing our school in this event.



#### South East Cheer Triabunna – Panthers



On Saturday 3 Ist August, Catherine and Asha attended the Cheercon State Cheerleading Championships at Kingbourough Sports Centre. The girls were part of the Panthers team who train each Monday afternoon in the school gym with their other teammates from Swansea and Richmond Primary Schools as part of South East Cheer. The team did a fabulous job in their first competition and came 5<sup>th</sup> place in their division. Thanks also to Jasmine who came along from the older girls' cheer team to support the younger girls.

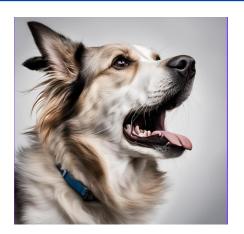
Well done to all!!

#### The Importance of Vocabulary – Mrs Palmer

One of the things we have been focusing on this term in literacy intervention is building vocabulary. A strong vocabulary is more than just knowing a lot of words; it plays a vital role in your child's success in school and in life. It helps with reading comprehension, writing, and talking confidently. We have been using several strategies to boost vocabulary in literacy intervention. Check out some of our student's work below!

Some students have been working on expanding sentences using adjectives and adverbs to make them more exciting. We used AI technology to compare how adding these words can improve the imagery created when reading and more clearly convey what it is you are trying to express to the reader.

#### Bailey



A dog barked.



A small, spotty dog was barking playfully because he was playing with another dog.

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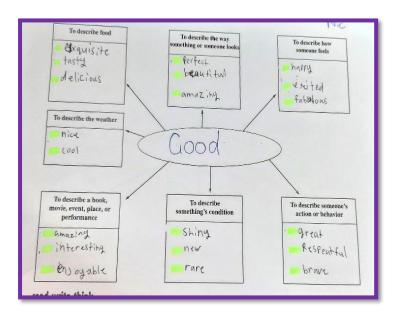
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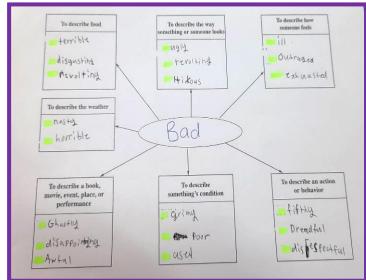
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The flower has pink petals.



The old man carefully picked up the beautiful, pink flower with lots of petals.





Some students also practised using vocabulary webs and coming up with synonyms for the same word in different contexts.

As a parent, you play a big role in helping your child build a rich vocabulary. Many parents are time poor, but there are simple ways to boost vocabulary at home that don't involve a huge amount of time or effort.

- 1. Read Together: Visit the library! Choose books that are a bit challenging and read them with your child. Expose them to different genres and styles of writing. From the classics to science fiction, each genre introduces unique terminology and concepts, broadening their vocabulary.
- 2. Talk Regularly: Have conversations about different topics and use new words. Engaging your child with questions that require more than a yes or no answer encourages them to use and explore new words. Questions like, "Tell me five words to describe your favourite toy?" or "What was the most interesting part of the book?".
- 3. Play Word Games: Games like Scrabble, Boggle, or simple word puzzles can make learning new words fun. Apps and online games can also provide interactive vocabulary practice.
- 4. **Use Visuals:** Create a word board or flashcards with pictures and words. Review them often to help your child remember new words.
- 5. Encourage Writing: Ask your child to write stories, journal entries or even simple sentences using new words.
- 6. Explore New Words: When you find a new word, look it up together and discuss it. Use it in different sentences to show different meanings.

Over the past few weeks, Grade 2-3 have been exploring the character Grug. Students read the first story of Grug and discovered how this character was created. Students completed some retelling and sequencing activities, engaged in research activities to write informative texts and finally, celebrated their learning by heading to the Theare Royal to watch the performance of Grug.





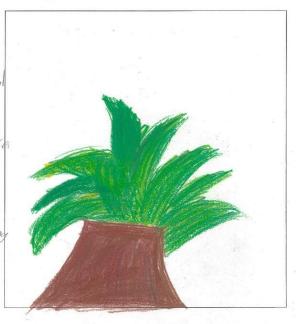


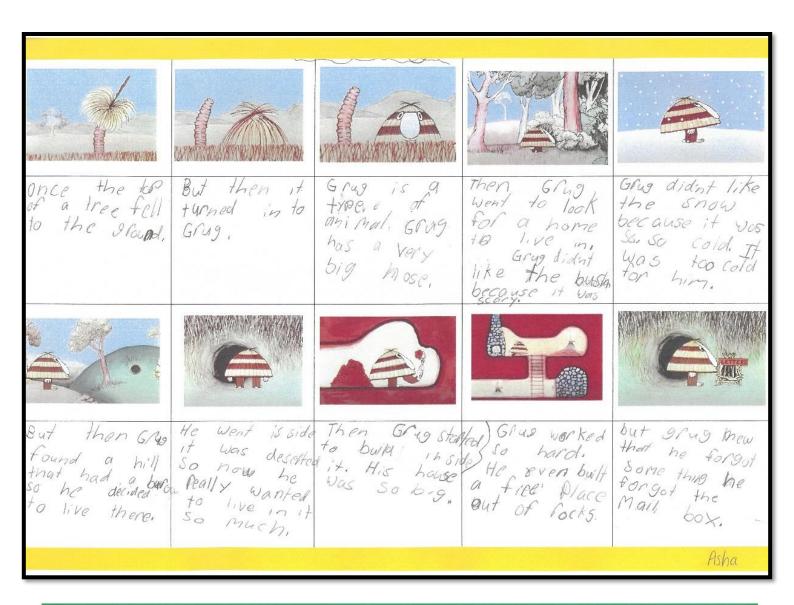




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#### Grade 4/5 Camp to Dodges Ferry, Port Arthur and Richmond

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, the Grade 4/5 class travelled to Blue Lagoon Christian Camp at Dodges Ferry to begin our two night camp. We spent the whole first day at Blue Lagoon undertaking a range of activities.

First up was the Initiatives course which was like an obstacle course where students had to work together in two groups, using skills such as communication, listening and teamwork to successfully pass each stage of the challenge.

Next up was the Crate Climbing Challenge where students had to work in pairs to see how many crates they could stack and climb. Following this was the Big Dipper which is like a giant swing. Students were harnessed up and pulled up to the ceiling of the gym. They then had a cord to pull when they were as high as they wanted to go and that sent them swinging across the gym. It was lots of fun! The rest of our first day was taken up by Archery Tag and then we enjoyed toasting marshmallows around a campfire. It was an action-packed, fun-filled first day!

Day two saw us travel to the Port Arthur Historic Site. We had a little time to look around to begin with before heading off on a convict tour with our guide, Jim. Jim told us lots of interesting information and many stories about the history of Port Arthur. After our tour we went on the Harbour Cruise and then enjoyed getting our hands dirty making convict bricks.

On our last day we travelled to Richmond where we enjoyed time at the maze before finishing up at the Lolly Shop.

Our camp was a HUGE success! Everyone had the most wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed each and every activity that was available to them. Students represented themselves and our school impeccably showing great respect, courage, resilience and growth along the way. Thanks so much to Samara and Dylan who came along to help support everyone.

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#### **Triabunna District School**

# Launching into Learning Timetable Term 4, 2024



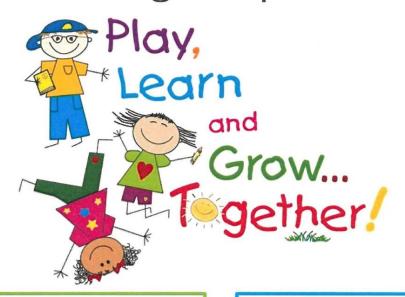
#### Every Wednesday morning 9am-10.25am

Week 1 16 <sup>th</sup> of October	Spring Time!  Join us for a morning of flowers, baby animals and hopefully some warmer weather!
Week 2 23 <sup>rd</sup> of October	Space!  Join us in the classroom for a morning that is out of this world!
Week 3 30 <sup>th</sup> of October	Have you been to the Zoo?  Join us for a morning of all things animals and zoos!
Week 4 6 <sup>th</sup> of November	Excursion to Zoo Doo! ©
Week 5 13 <sup>th</sup> of November	You choose what you do!  Join us in the classroom for a you choose morning! Ms Fox will have the kinder gym set up outside, too!
Week 6 20 <sup>th</sup> of November	Water fun! Join us for a morning of some seriously wet fun! You may need to bring a spare change of clothes for your kids!
Week 7 MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> of November	Water Orientation at Oceana – Monday the 25 <sup>th</sup> of November at 11.30am
Week 8 4 <sup>th</sup> of December	Whole school Christmas lunch – Time to be confirmed
Week 9 11 <sup>th</sup> of December	Last Lil' session for the year!  Lil' Christmas Party



# 2025 Kindergarten

# Kindergarten enrolments are now being accepted



Please contact

Triabunna District School for further details

Phone: 6257 3199

Enrolment forms available on Pre-Kinder days and from the school office

If you know someone who is not yet connected to the school who has a child that is turning five in 2025, please share this information with them.



Department for Education, Children and Young People Kindergarten days will be – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# BUCKLAND, ORFORD TRIABUNNA



You will see **ORANGE** everywhere for Mental Health Week.

The theme is 'appreciate the little things.'

It is a reminder to take a breath, share a smile with a stranger, look up at the sky, watch the sunset or find a glimmer of calm and peace in your busy day.



SCREENING - TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER



## **TICKETS ONLY \$5 Per Person**

DOORS OPEN @ 6.30PM FILM STARTS 7:00 PM SHARP

This film proudly supported by











## 3:00 pm MATINEE SCREENING - SATURDAY OCTOBER12



FREE ENTRY including complimentary food and beverages pre & post screening + choc tops

DOORS OPEN @ 2:00 PM FILM STARTS 3:00 PM SHARP

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# Pop Up Book Stall (PUBS)

## Open Wednesday to Sunday 10.30-3pm

Venue - Community Hall (former Council Chambers Building) Vicary St. Triabunna. All proceeds are donated to community organisations and activities.

N.B. Also find us at the Swansea Market

Enquiries: Chris 0458560753; Beth 0407571181

www.facebook.com/PopUpBookStall; email popupbookstall@hotmail.com

School Calendar		
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27 September	<ul><li>Whole School Assembly - 9-10:30am</li><li>House Activities Afternoon</li></ul>	
	2025 School Uniform Orders due back	
	Last Day of Term	
14 October	First Day of Term 4	

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