



# Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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*From the  
Principal's Desk*

Welcome back to our students, families and community for 2022 with a special welcome to our new families.

We commenced the year with our new year 7 students and year 12 students on site together for the first day. Whilst it was the first time the year 7 students had been together as a cohort, due to the restrictions regarding transition last year, the year 12 students were also provided the opportunity to commence the year as a focus for their final year of school. There was also time for some combined activities to assist with the transition to High School and to introduce student buddies or 'go to' people for the junior students. From the photos included in the newsletter, it is evident the fun that was had by all. Feedback from both the 7s and 12s has been very positive in regard to commencing the year in such a way and definitely with the joint activities. There are plans underway to have another joint activity session including small discussions groups for a Q and A session in a Growth for Learning period later in the term.

It was school 'as usual' on the Tuesday with everyone welcomed back on site. Whilst we weren't able to hold our whole school assembly to welcome all, year level co-ordinators have been undertaking assemblies outside. With the commencement of the new school year, we also need to welcome our newest members of staff:

- Mr Alan Schack - P.E./Outdoor Education/health
- Ms Tessa Balfour - English/humanities
- Mr Hayden McMahan - maths/science
- Ms Moira Allen - English/humanities
- Ms Grace Walker - science
- Mr Brett Barons - P.E./ health
- Ms Bec Madyson - Home economics support
- Ms Jancey Crilley - Youth Mental Health worker
- Ms Meg Macumber - AFL sports trainee
- Ms Maddy Brown - Kitchen Operations trainee

We have also welcomed back Ms Lisa Rivers and Ms Simone Kamfonis following long term leave in 2021.

Our first whole school event is our annual swimming sports next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This is by far the most colourful event on the school calendar, with students and staff alike donning their special outfits to represent their house team. Students have been busy signing up using the new QR code system. (It is included in this newsletter). It is always a fun day with activities available for those students to participate in both in and out of the pool. The VCAL students will be running their barbecue for the purchasing of lunch.

#### **Students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m.**

- **Trafalgar residents and train travellers will be dismissed directly from the pool**
- **Bus travellers will be escorted back to school to travel home on their normal buses at the usual times.**

If there are alternative arrangements to these dismissal procedures for your student/s, can you please provide a note in writing to be given to the duty teacher (on the gate). Thanks for your co-operation with this.

Our school council election process is commencing with the first stage of calling for nominations for vacancies. I would like to thank our school council members who will be completing their two years of service; Holly Perriam (parent representative), Bronwyn O'Meara and Jodie Deppeler (staff representatives) for the time and commitment shown to help lead the directions and management of Trafalgar High School for our students.

If you have any queries about being a school councillor, please don't hesitate to make contact. The table with timelines and nomination form links are included in this newsletter.

I would like to thank the members of our community who have been so supportive in assisting us with our COVID-19 responses and management. The timely notification of confirmed cases has assisted in informing our community and in helping others to stay well.

Jane Mersey

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are commencing our 2022 school year it's timely to remind all of our students and families in regards to uniform.

As a result from input of students last year, we have updated our uniform with the new items of green rugby tops for all year levels, new black chino pants in two designs soon to be available from Beleza.

We will be introducing a uniform exchange program this year for students who are not in uniform. We are wanting to give everyone the opportunity to ensure all students are in the correct uniform before we commence.

Thanks to Noah, Melinda and Stevie for showing the different styles of our uniform and how they can be worn.

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>School Jumper</b>                        | Green woolen THS school jumper.<br>Polar fleece THS school jumper.<br>THS Rugby Tops<br><br>Year 12 students are permitted to wear the year 12 jumper/jacket.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>T-Shirt (short sleeve)</b>               | Green and black THS polo shirt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Trousers</b>                             | Black tailored THS school pants, 'chinos' or THS track pants <b>ONLY</b> .<br>Plain belts may be worn (no studs).                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Shorts</b>                               | THS black school shorts with THS logo as available in approved outlets (knee length) <b>ONLY</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Skirt</b>                                | Green, black tartan winter skirt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Summer Dress/Skirt</b>                   | School dress in the THS green and white checked material, white collar and cuffs, buttons and action back                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sports Uniform</b>                       | THS sport tops (compulsory for Years 7-10)<br>Black basketball shorts<br>Black tracksuit pants<br>Sports shoes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Tights</b>                               | Plain black tights/stockings/leggings may be worn underneath school skirt and/or dress.<br>No patterns or colours permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Footwear</b>                             | Plain black lace-up school shoe.<br>Black (Solid black in colour) lace up shoes, buckle style (T-bar) or Runners.<br>Black laces.<br>No other style of footwear are acceptable.<br><b>To provide a uniform that complies with current Occupational Health and Safety guidelines – thongs and open toed shoes are never permitted at school.</b> |
| <b>Jackets</b>                              | A green and black spray jacket is available from the school office.<br>A black softshell jacket with logo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Make Up / Jewellery / Scarves / Hats</b> | Natural coloured cosmetics only.<br>Excessive make-up or jewellery is not permitted.<br>Students with pierced ears are permitted to wear studs or sleepers only. No other visible facial jewellery (such as eyebrow studs or rings, chin studs or lip studs. Small nose studs are permitted                                                     |



# YEAR 7 & 12 FIRST DAY OF 2022



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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|                        |                                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY | SWIMMING SPORTS 2.45PM DISMISSAL        |
| MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY   | SCHOOL PHOTOS                           |
| MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY   | FAMILY SCHOOL PHOTOS                    |
| 23RD-24TH FEBRUARY     | OES BUCHAN CAVES CAMP                   |
| FRIDAY 4TH MARCH       | YEAR 8 BLUE ROCK LAKE EXCURSION         |
| TUESDAY 8TH MARCH      | YEAR 11 FEDERATION UNIVERSITY EXCURSION |
| 7TH-11TH MARCH         | YEAR 7 CAMP                             |
| MONDAY 14TH MARCH      | LABOUR DAY                              |
| TUESDAY 15TH MARCH     | PUPIL FREE DAY                          |
| WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH   | YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT                |
| FRIDAY 18TH MARCH      | YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS               |
| TUESDAY 22ND MARCH     | YEAR 12 FEDERATION UNI EXCURSION        |
| WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH   | OES WALHALLA DAY TRIP                   |
| WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH   | SEAL PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT          |
| TUESDAY 29TH MARCH     | ATHLETICS DAY                           |
| FRIDAY 1ST APRIL       | VCE EXPO                                |
| TUESDAY 5TH APRIL      | YEAR 10 FEDERATION UNIVERSITY EXCURSION |
| FRIDAY 8TH APRIL       | FINAL DAY OF TERM 1                     |
| MONDAY 25TH APRIL      | FIRST DAY OF TERM 2                     |
| 16TH-18TH MAY          | OES MORNINGTON CAMP                     |
| FRIDAY 3RD JUNE        | UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE CAMP              |
| FRIDAY 10TH JUNE       | PUPIL FREE DAY                          |
| MONDAY 13TH JUNE       | QUEENS BIRTHDAY                         |

# SAFER INTERNET DAY 2022

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February is safer internet day.

This year the theme is **#Play it Fair Online** and highlights that there is no place for online abuse. We can all help making life online enjoyable by being kind and respectful to each other.

The Key messages for 2022 **#Play it Fair Online** are:

**Be Respectful.** Consider others when you are online, there is no place for abuse, hate, or discrimination in any aspect of life

**Be Kind.** Be a positive role model. Treat people with kindness, respect and understanding online

**Be Resilient.** Don't let a bad experience online get you down. Stay strong and get the right support so you can bounce back as soon as your ready

**Be prepared to ask for help.** Everyone needs support. Reach out to friends, family and eSafety if something goes wrong online

**Be Safe.** To stay happy and healthy, avoid situations that pose risk to yourself or others online

**Be Responsible.** Respect others online. Think how your actions might affect other people

**Be an upstander.** You can help others when they experience abuse online by showing support and speaking up - if it's safe to do so

For further information and support for students check out the eSafety Commissioner website [here](#)

For further information and support for parents, check out the eSafety Commissioner website [here](#)

Leearna Earwicker Secondary School Nurse

For further information check out: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



## FACEMASKS

As the school has a limited supply of facemasks that we are currently purchasing, we ask that students please bring their own mask to school.

A reminder that it is a government requirement to wear them whilst inside at school and on public transport.

If your child has an exemption, it is a requirement that we have this in writing from parents and/or guardians.



## LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY? PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESS BELOW ...

If a student is required to leave school prior to 3.25pm, consent (either written, recorded on Compass, call through to office staff or via absence line) must be provided by parents/guardians prior to 9:30am.

If written, students need to keep the note to show their teacher to leave class, then hand the note to the office on departure.

If a parent/guardian is not aware prior to the school day that their child is required to leave early they must call ahead to let the office staff know.

## DEBATING CLUB 2022

The THS Debating Club is up and running for another year.

We are currently preparing to field one team each from Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 in this year's Debating Association of Victoria contest.

Anyone interested in joining a team, or just checking out what debating is about is welcome to come to room N12 every Friday, Lunch 2.

Hope to see you there!

Mr. Spence



# SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please email any nomination forms through to [grace.cant@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:grace.cant@education.vic.gov.au)  
Nomination forms can be found attached to our newsletter Compass post!

## Note 1: school council election process and timetable

| Event                                                                                                       | Date                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| a) Notice of election and call for nominations                                                              | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022              |
| b) Closing date for nominations                                                                             | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 @ 4.00pm     |
| c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted                                       | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022              |
| d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed                                             | On or before Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 |
| e) Close of ballot                                                                                          | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022              |
| f) Vote count ( <i>insert date</i> ):                                                                       | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022                 |
| g) Declaration of poll ( <i>insert date</i> ):                                                              | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> march 2022                 |
| h) Special council meeting to co-opt community members (the principal will preside) ( <i>insert date</i> ): | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022                 |
| i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) ( <i>insert date</i> ):       | Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022                 |

# THS HOMEWORK CLUB



## Supervised Homework Program

**WHEN?** Every Thursday starting 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

**WHERE?** E7

**TIME** 3:30pm – 4:45pm

For further details see **N.W.A**

**Homework Club is available to All students.**

Forms can be collected from Mrs. Niki Wald (NWA) in the Junior Co-Ordinator office, opposite the IT Department or from the General Office. Forms must be signed and returned prior to attending Homework Club.

# THS SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022

Annual school photos will be taken on **Monday, 21th February 2022.**

Family photos will be taken on **Monday, 28th February 2022.**

Students are to be in full school uniform.

**PRE-ORDER ONLINE** (orders close at 5:00 pm on the day prior of 21st Feb)

**See the packages available and place your pre-order online.**

To order Sibling & Individual photographs, click or scan the following code/link;



[School Photographs Orders](#)

School Access Key: **897MRU4X**

**Sibling photos** are available for families with multiple children attending the school. (Sibling photos must be ordered online before 5pm the day prior of 21st Feb)

\*\* A complimentary family/sibling photograph is available for families who order an individual pack for 3 or more children at the same school. **To be eligible**, you must order all the individual packs first and then add the family photograph to the same shopping cart. The discount will be automatically applied.

**If you place your order online before 5pm the day prior to 21st Feb, you do not need to return any paperwork.**

If you have any inquiries, please contact Spargo Photography (03) 5942 5234





# COVID-19 THIRD DOSE VACCINATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

COVID-19 third-dose vaccinations are now available to 16-17 year old's who had their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine three or more months ago.

Supporting as many eligible students as we can to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Getting vaccinated is one of the most important steps we can all take to get direct protection against COVID-19.

## How to book an appointment:

There are many convenient and accessible options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination clinics, your local GP or pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including:

- Online: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)
- Phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder: COVID –19 Vaccine Clinic Finder, Australian Government Department of Health
- In Person: Talk to your local Pharmacy, Doctor, or attend one of the State Vaccination Centres.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>


**16 & 17-YEAR-OLDS**  
**ELIGIBLE FOR**  
**THIRD DOSE**  
**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**








## Trafalgar High School Swimming Sports 2022




 Our house swimming sports will be held at the Trafalgar Public Outdoor Pool on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.


 Students are encouraged to sign up for up for individual and relay events online using the QR code below.

 Event winners will have the opportunity to compete in the West Gippsland Division interschool swimming competition on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February.

 Wear your house colours to support your team. Please note no body paint is allowed.

 Bring your lunch and drinks for the day, or else bring some money to enjoy a tasty BBQ and other treats thanks to our senior VCAL team.



 A gold coin will also be collected in form assembly on the day to cover costs of pool and equipment hire.



**Sign up by scanning the QR code below**

Or by accessing the form by <https://forms.office.com/r/4z7wWmK6Kf>



## CANTEEN SPECIALS

Canteen Specials!!!!

On sale every week, starting from the 14th Feb this term.

|                  |                                                                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | Chicken Nuggets—6 for \$4.00                                        |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | Chicken Tenders or “Kentucky” style chicken & Wedges -\$6.00        |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | Di’s famous Fried Rice - \$4.50                                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | Potato Cakes-\$1.00 each                                            |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | Baked Spud topped with cheese, bacon, coleslaw & sour cream -\$7.00 |
| <b>MEAL DEAL</b> | Everyday: Hot Dog & can of drink -\$5.00                            |

Now the important bit: Please pre-order at start of the day

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOCCER IN WEST GIPPSLAND?  
JOIN US & LEARN MORE AS WE CELEBRATE**



## FEMALE FOOTBALL FEBRUARY

A FUN-FILLED FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CLUBS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN SOCCER

★ Sunday 20 February ★ 10:00am - 1:00pm  
★ Baxter Park - 28 King St, Warragul



- ⚽ MEET THE CLUBS
- ⚽ ON PITCH SESSIONS
- ⚽ FREE BARBECUE
- ⚽ VIP PRESENTATIONS
- FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES
- EXPERIENCED 10AM-11AM
- BEGINNERS 11AM-1PM
- COACHES & REFEREES
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- INCLUDING FORMER MATILDA JANE OAKLEY!

## Trafalgar Medical

### Youth Clinic

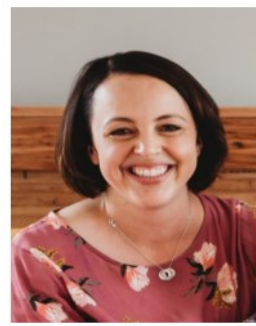
Every Wednesday 9.15am – 12.15pm

(bulk billed, don't forget to bring your Medicare card!)

To make an appointment with

Dr Sarah Verbeek or Dr Mitchell Kraan

see the Welfare Team or contact the school on 56 331 733



Students under 16 require a parental consent form before seeing a GP

Support and funding to start the Youth Clinic has been provided by Gippsland Primary Health Network

# HAPPY SAD MAN

a Genevieve Bailey film

**Baw Baw**

## Live4Life Community Launch Event

Film Screening and Meet the Filmmaker Q&A  
Thursday, February 24 2022, 6:30pm  
Balfour Centre, Chairo Christian School Baw Baw

Live4Life is a youth mental health and suicide prevention initiative that empowers rural communities to improve youth mental health.

BOOK NOW AT  
[WWW.HAPPYSADMAN.ORG/SCREENINGS](http://WWW.HAPPYSADMAN.ORG/SCREENINGS)  
OR Trybookings  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BXFKE>

Watch the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/294254156>

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



## Junior and Mini Roo training is back for 2022!

Our first training session and club sign-up night will be **Thursday 10th February from 5pm – 6pm.**

Moe United is a family friendly club and is located next to the Moe Outdoor Pool on Vale Street. Training runs every Tuesday and Thursday night from 5pm – 6pm with games held on Saturdays. (Game time will depend on your child's age).

We look forward to welcoming all new and past players. Don't forget your drink bottle.

## GIPPSLAND UMPIRES ASSOCIATION



**ALL-INCLUSIVE CLUB – ANY AGE OR FITNESS LEVEL WELCOME – FAMILY FRIENDLY. BE PART OF A GREAT CLUB ATMOSPHERE & GET PAID TO GET FIT!**






**RATES PER GAME:**

|              | Field  | Boundary | Goal  |
|--------------|--------|----------|-------|
| Seniors      | \$ 154 | \$ 94    | \$ 78 |
| Reserves     | \$ 105 | \$ 66    | \$ 60 |
| Thirds (U18) | \$ 96  | \$ 60    | \$ 58 |
| Fourth (U16) | \$ 89  | \$ 59    | \$ 57 |

\*also available are U12 & U14 games to develop younger umpires.

Contact via Facebook/Instagram or Email: [secretary@gua.net.au](mailto:secretary@gua.net.au)


# All Abilities Tennis Warragul Tennis Club

-  Warragul Tennis Club  
Burke St, Warragul
-  Every Wednesday in Term 1, 2022
-  4:00pm - 5:30pm
-  \$5 per session
-  Contact Phil on 0423 245 036 for more information



A great opportunity to participate in an inclusive Tennis program with an accredited Special Olympics coach.

Modified equipment is provided and previous Tennis experience is not required to come and have a go.



5 weeks of badminton, catering to all skill levels


**Where:** Warragul Badminton Stadium  
Galloway Street, Warragul

**When:** Monday nights; 7th February through to 7th March 2022

**Time:** Juniors from - 6:30pm  
Seniors from - 8pm

**Cost:** \$5

\*The Mid Gippsland Badminton Association (MGBA) season commences in April 2022. The Warragul Badminton Club strongly encourages those interested to register & play!



**for further information**  
email Hayden Fowler at [fowlerh@dcsi.net.au](mailto:fowlerh@dcsi.net.au) or phone 0418 540 421

