



# Trafalgar High School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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*From the  
Principal's Desk*

What a wonderful time of celebration we have been fortunate to experience at Trafalgar High School over the past few weeks as our Year 12's have finished classes and started exams. Although the final day celebrations often leave us school leaders feeling somewhat nervous as we are never too sure what to expect when we arrive at school, this year we came full of excitement as our graduating class went out in style. We had "The Simpson's" as part of our graduating class, the cast of "Scooby Doo" showed up as well alongside the "DC/Marvel" superheroes, just to name a few. It was lovely to spend the morning with our Year 12's discussing summer plans over a BBQ breakfast before the annual parade.

On behalf of Trafalgar High School I wish all our departing Year 12's the very best for their exams, their pathways and of course their future endeavours. We all look forward to celebrating further at Valedictory.

Last week we also celebrated our outgoing School Captains and welcomed our 2023 Captains. We had nine brilliant candidates give genuine, heartfelt speeches to all students and teachers as part of our general assembly, before students and teachers casted a vote on who they wanted to represent THS in 2023. The quality of candidates was exceptional and we would have been lucky to be represented by each candidate. I'm glad to announce our 2023 School Captains are Peace Ijiyera, Noah Smith, Toby McEwan and Molly Young. We all look forward to working with you and seeing you grow as exceptional leaders.

On Wednesday we started Unit 3 and 4 exams with the traditional English exam and everything went smoothly. Each year, this three hour exams is the beginning of a hectic period at THS and I must thank everyone involved for bringing this together under the astute guidance of Ms Hopkins. I wish everyone all the best with their exams!

On Monday I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 10 SSP class down to Melbourne for an excursion which we all thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely to spend some time with our Year 10's away from school and get to know them in a different light. The year SSP class had planned the excursion themselves which included a scavenger hunt around the CBD and a tour of the National Gallery of Victoria. Each student had planned a group activity themselves in addition to this and had a great time exploring the city.

In closing, I hope you all enjoy the Melbourne Cup weekend and as has been communicated previously, THS will be open on Monday for exams and an alternative student program for those that attend. Regular classes will not run and not all teaching staff will be onsite, instead students will have access to homework and catch up classes. Buses will run as per normal.



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER	STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY (STUDENT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM)
TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	MELBOURNE CUP
THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	YR 10 OES SURF CAMP
14TH-17TH NOVEMBER	YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMS
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	HALF DAY TRANSITION (TRAF PRIMARY)
TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER	VALEDICTORY DINNER
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	PUPIL FREE DAY (YEAR 11 EXAMS RUNNING)
21ST-25TH NOVEMBER	VCE JUMPSTART
25TH NOVEMBER	FINAL DAY OF CLASSES FOR YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS
25TH NOVEMBER	NIGHT ON THE LAWN EVENT
28TH-2ND DECEMBER	YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	HALF DAY TRANSITION (SMALL SCHOOLS)
5TH-6TH DECEMBER	YEAR 8 CAMP
MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER	SEAL EVENING 4PM-8PM
12TH-16TH DECEMBER	ACTIVITIES WEEK
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER	STATE-WIDE ORIENTATION DAY (ALL STUDENTS)
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER	SECOND FULL ORIENTATION DAY (ALL STUDENTS)
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER	PRESENTATION EVENING 4PM-6PM

## CSEF—CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUNDING

Just a reminder to all parents/carers to please check with the office if you are unsure if your child has CSEF funding. This is funding the students are able to use for Camps, Sports & Excursions. Some families are paying for Interschool Sporting events when they could be using their CSEF credits for payment.



## YEAR 7 & 8 BOYS CRICKET

On Wednesday the 12th of October our year 7 and 8 boys cricket teams competed in the West Gippsland Cricket round robin. The poor weather meant our year 7s only had one game and unfortunately lost to Warragul Regional College. Coen Jennings was a fantastic captain for the year 7 team and was a great leader for the rest of the boys. The year 8 Boys played Chairo and Lowanna, beating Chairo in the first game but lost to Lowanna in the second match. The year 8 boys had a great team, their captain Zak Larkin was particularly amazing to watch. The students really appreciated also having Brett Pedlow the acting principal of Trafalgar high school as their coach. Brett knows his cricket and was able to really help our boys throughout the day.



# NIGHT ON THE LAWN— FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

**Join us for our “Night On The Lawn” event, presented to you  
by Trafalgar High School!**

• **Food trucks**

• **BBQ**

• **Music**



## **Bowel Cancer Australia & Win the War with Willow Raffle**

**1st Prize—Ibanez Electric Guitar RRP \$499 (Coleman’s Music)**

**2nd Prize—Art Supplies**

**3rd Prize— Ukulele (Jak’s Music)**

**-TICKETS AVAILBLE FROM THS OFFICE-**

# CAPE PATERSON OUTDOOR EDUCATION SURF CAMP


The Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class attended a three day camp to Cape Paterson on 19-21<sup>st</sup> October. They began the camp with a surf lesson at Sandy Point. The waves were perfect for the students' level; big enough to practice catching waves, but not overwhelming. The class had a look at Walkerville and did a little bit exploring of South Walkerville beach. They then drove to Cape Paterson Caravan Park, where they set up swags/ tents and cooked their dinner. The day finished with some afternoon/evening time on the beach. An 8:00am surf lesson at Inverloch the next day saw students continue to practice and refine their surfing skills. After lunch, the class participated in a two hour session learning about dinosaur fossils in the Inverloch area. The class were taken to rock flats exposed at low tide, where a prominent dinosaur fossil lies. Students got the chance to break open rocks and find plant fossils. The rest of the day was spent back at Cape Paterson, where students played on the beach. The final day saw the group pack up depart the caravan park. They stopped at Kilcunda to walk the George Bass Coastal walk for two hours. It offered amazing cliff top views of the ocean. A stop off at San Remo allowed students to buy takeaway lunch, before driving back to Trafalgar High School. The camp offered students the opportunity to link theoretical content learnt in class, to a specific environment. Students were well behaved. Overall, students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



# POOL COMPETITION—25TH NOVEMBER


In addition to our “Night on the Lawn” we will also be holding a “Pool Competition”  
Please see the below poster for details!

Night on the Lawn  
**FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 5pm - 8pm**  
**POOL**  
**COMP**



**PAIRS COMP - OPEN TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS**  
**\$20 ENTRY - \$10 DONATION TO BOWEL CANCER AUSTRALIA**  
**\$10 ENTRY INTO COMP - WINNER TAKES ALL - PUB RULES - 5 MINUTE ROUNDS**  
**EIGHT BALL IN OR MOST BALLS POTTED - WINNING PAIR STAYS ON**

**THIS IS A DRY EVENT NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED - ALL ENTRIES PLEASE SEE - ALLEN GILMOUR (HAPPY)**

<b>IN CONJUNCTION WITH : NIGHT ON THE LAWN</b> <b>MUSIC • ART • DESIGN • FOOD TRUCKS</b> <b>25TH OF NOVEMBER 2022</b>	<b>LIKE TO THANK THE</b> <b>HARRY MCCABE FOUNDATION</b> <b>FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS EVENT</b>	
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## INTERMEDIATE BOYS CRICKET

Our Year 9 and 10 boys competed in the West Gippsland cricket Round Robin also. The boys are a very strong team and managed to win the west Gippsland competition and will progress to the region round. Kyan Mulley was an absolute stand out for our school making over 50 runs against Warragul Regional. Ben Hagley was also a great batsman. Connor Seymour also was one to watch with his amazing bowling. Thank you to Alan Schack for coaching this successful team. Unsure of when the Gippsland event will be held with the weather effecting the original date, however, we are sure the team will represent the school well. Also, a big thank you to Mitchell Claridge who came along and umpired all day.

## SUNSMART—Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide

Term 4 has well and truly started and although it still feels like Winter, we will shortly be entering our Summer months! We encourage all students to wear hats when out in the yard and remind them to be mindful of being Sun Smart.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

# SKATE BOARDING

Throughout Term four, 25-year nines have the opportunity to participate in the “All Aboard” Skateboarding Initiative. This allows the students to visit the Trafalgar Skate Park every week during G4L and receive coaching and mentoring from Qualified skateboarding coaches provided by the YMCA. So far with the three sessions held the year nines are already showing great improvement. From the first week some students cautious to even stand on the board to now skating around and working towards simple tricks. Brock Gill in particular has demonstrated some quite complex skills. This is a great opportunity for these students to get escape the indoors and get involved in an activity most of them hadn’t tried before.





## INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, the intermediate girl's basketball team competed and the regional competition. Making it through to this level was an amazing achievement. The Girls won their first game against Nagle college. Maecy Wade shot very well this game. The girls second game they lost by 8 against Lavalla. Which they were actually very happy with considering this is a consecutive state winning team. The final game was also a loss. Piper Albert was a great leader for the girls, she played well and always ensured everyone one knew exactly what they were supposed to do. Big thanks to Brett Barons who coached the girls, your knowledge of the game really brought out the best in our team and thank you Tessa Farrell for helping with the scoring all day.



## STATE ATHLETICS

Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October three of our students competed in the state athletics at Albert Park Melbourne. Josh Seymour, Piper Albert and Josh Van Baalen were our Trafalgar High School representatives. Josh Seymour came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800m which is fantastic effort and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m. Piper came 4<sup>th</sup> in Discus and Shot Put. Josh Van Baalen placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Discus also. Couldn't be more proud of our students for making it to this level and also performing so successfully.



# INSPIRING WOMENS DINNER

The Baw Baw LLEN held an Inspiring Women's Dinner, at the Drouin Golf Club on Wednesday evening. 3 captivating young ladies took to the stage to share their stories and how they got to where they are today. 7 year 10 women represented our school, they were placed at tables with experienced women from different industries and were able to network and make connections with women working in their chosen pathways. Here is what they had to say:

- “The inspirational women's dinner was a really great experience. There was so many women from different career pathways that were very helpful and had a lot to say. It really opens your eyes to different pathways and the ways you can get to them. It was a very empowering night with amazing people.”
- “It was great to meet all the different women and listen to how they got to where they are today. It showed me how everybody has a different path and has inspired me to work hard. Overall, such a great experience and I have learnt so much.”
- “I enjoyed meeting women working in engineering, and I found out about the different tasks they do during a day at work. They talked about the different skills they use every day, and how they reached their career. As they shared their stories, we were all reassured that no matter what our dream job is, there are many different paths to get there. It was a great chance to network and connect with women working in the community, and I now have contacts who can support me with getting into my future career.”
- “I enjoyed meeting people from the defence force to discuss future job opportunities”
- “A group of Year 10 students attended the BBLLEN Inspiring Young Women's Dinner on the 25th October. The night provided students with the opportunity to connect with other students from schools within Baw Baw Shire Council, along with local people from a range of industries to discuss ambition, career paths and how to overcome challenges to achieve your goals. Thank you to Jodie Deppeler and the BBLLEN staff for supporting THS students to attend the event.”
- “The event was entertaining and it clear some things up. I got a lot out of it and met some amazing women with incredible stories. The only thing i wish was different was when you go to other tables i just wish we had more time to do that”



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