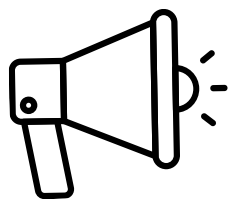




TYRRELL COLLEGE
Your opportunity to succeed

March 6,
2025
Issue 06



Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Wergaia peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands upon which Tyrrell College is situated. We pay our respects to their elders – past, present, and emerging – and we acknowledge their deep care of the lands we live on. We also acknowledge that for tens of thousands of years our First Nation's peoples have engaged in – and passed on – excellent teaching and learning practices on the spaces upon which our community members learn today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 10

Labour Day public holiday

Friday March 14

**Foundation Special
Assembly**

Wednesday March 26

**Parent Teacher Bookings
Open**

Friday March 28

**Foodbank Food Fight
1.25pm**

Tuesday April 1

Year 7 & 10 vaccinations

Wednesday April 2

Darwin/Singapore Trip

Term Dates

Term 1: 29 Jan - 4 April

Term 2: 22 Apr - 4 July

Term 3: 21 Jul - 19 Sep

Term 4: 6 Oct - 19 Dec

Purpose Statement & Values

To provide a safe, positive and challenging environment where everyone aspires to aim high and become responsible, caring and contributing community members.

Respect

Responsibility

Honesty

Aim High

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Tyrrell College Community,

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that Friday March 7 is a pupil free day. All school staff from the Southern Mallee Region will be meeting in Swan Hill to learn from experts in education and to collaborate with staff from other schools to support the learning of our students.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing starts on Wednesday March 12 until Tuesday March 18. Students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 will undertake testing of their reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. NAPLAN is important as it helps our teachers identify students' strengths and opportunities for learning and to see what aspects of literacy and numeracy have been taught well and areas for further improvement.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Tuesday April 1 from 4.00pm until 6.20pm. I would encourage all parents and carers to attend the interviews as they are extremely valuable to help teachers understand more about your child. Parents and carers can also learn about their child's learning strengths and areas where their child needs to continue to grow. More information about booking appointments will be sent home over the coming weeks.

Have a great long weekend.

Mr Craig Kelly
Acting Principal



Have you logged into the School
Saving Bonus Portal

ACTION REQUIRED

Please login to the parent and carer online system to allocate how you would like to spend your \$400 bonus.

Please find instructions on how to login and allocate your SSB funds on the attached System guide for parents and carers.

**Or contact the Tyrrell College
General Office and they can log
in for you!**

Mallee Interschool Secondary Swimming



Mallee Interschool Secondary Swimming



On Wednesday February 26, 30 secondary students from Tyrrell College headed to Mildura to represent the school in the Mallee Division Swimming Sports. With a 40 degree day ahead of them, our students braved the heat and the 50m pool to swim against students within our cluster.

Each and every one of our students did their best and made the school proud of their efforts and achievements.

Many students were ribbon recipients, placing in the top 3 places in their events.

The following students placed first in their events and have qualified for the Loddon Mallee Region event in Swan Hill on Tuesday March 11.

Cooper Kelly	15 year old boys	50m Backstroke
Zaida Tait	16 year old girls	50m Freestyle
	17 year old boys	50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly
Jet Newick	18-20 year old boys	50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke
Finn, Milton, Max.C and Harry	13 year old boys	Freestyle Relay
Coby, Ryder, Cooper.K and Oscar	15 year old boys	Freestyle Relay
Zaida, Darcey.H, Keira and Teyana	16 year old girls	Freestyle Relay
Cooper.K, Ryder, Nate and Archie	16 year old boys	Medley Relay

We were lucky enough to walk away with two of our students with medals wrapped around their necks, Ryder Newick (15 boys) and [REDACTED] (17 boys) who were awarded age champion for their age groups.

Congratulations again to all students who competed on the day. Thanks goes to Selina for attending and assisting on the day, to the parents and carers who attended to support their children and the wider school community.

Kerrin Griffiths & Kelly Hannig
Secondary Sport Coordinators



VCE Ag/Hort

EMU FARM



On February 20 myself, Archie and Miss Matthews travelled to the Long View Emu Abattoir near Kerang. We were shown the slaughter process of emus and how meat and oil are taken from them and processed before market. It was very fascinating to observe.

Daniel, who had played a large role in designing the on farm abattoir, showed us through his facilities. We experienced biosecurity measures immediately as we had to put on gumboots, soak them in disinfectant and washing off any mud or dirt that might have stuck from outside. We were first shown the killing process and explained how the emus are completely calm the entire time up to slaughter and how they make sure that it is kept as humane as possible. They do not catch or handle the emus, but instead just walk them backwards into a vice where they are knocked out with a stun gun and killed within a 20 second time frame usually done within 6-10 secs to keep it ethical.

They are then bled and plucked of their feathers, keeping good condition feathers to be reused in a variety of accessories. Using ventilation and fans to create constant air flow keeping feathers from getting in meat as well as a thought-out layout going from dirty to clean in the abattoir areas. They are then skinned and gutted, reusing multiple organs for dog foods and special meals. The skin and every piece of fat available is placed in a mincer to be refined into oil as that is where a lot of the profit is made. The meat is made into several cuts and sold to different places – in particular indigenous people. No part of the emu is wasted – even the bones are put in the compost.

After we were done inside, we went out to see the emus themselves with Jeff (the owner). After 35 years, Jeff is considered an expert in the field of emus. He showed us where the eggs are incubated and hatched and told us about the process of how they breed the friendliest ones and only “breeders” are kept and the rest are for produce. We were also told how they raised them in order to keep them as comfortable and calm around humans as possible up to adults. During winter, it is a full time job, going out on buggies to collect the eggs. We went to see the baby emus and then the 18 month emus before heading home.

Cooper Kelly

Breakfast Club



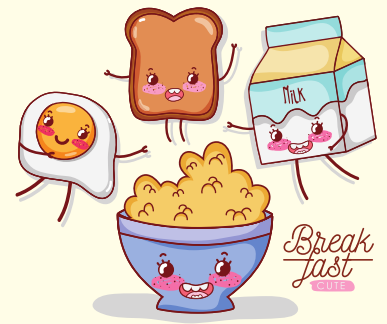
** Week of March 11-14

Tuesday March 11- Cinnamon Scrolls

Wednesday March 12- Yoghurt, Custard,
Raisin Toast, Cereal, Chocolate Milkshakes
and Banana Bread

Thursday March 13- Pancakes

Friday March 14- Spaghetti and
Baked Beans on Toast



Happy Birthday to the
students who are
celebrating a birthday this
week -

March 2- Jackson Halliday

March 5- Eliza Henderson

Cooper Kelly

March 10- Miley Maung



State School Spectacular

Tyrrell College Dance Troupe Steps into the Spotlight!



On Thursday, February 27, the 2025 Tyrrell College Victorian State Schools Spectacular (VSSS) Dance Troupe took their first big step towards the stage with an exciting full-day workshop at Wycheproof P-12 College.

Joining forces with seven equally enthusiastic dancers from Wycheproof, the students dived into learning the intricate choreography for five of the eventual eight songs. Under the vibrant guidance of SSS Mass Dance Creative Director Hara Papoulias and supported by the ever-entertaining "DJ Daz", the troupe pushed through energy-sapping heat and increasing physical exhaustion to memorise and bring their moves to life.

With this first workshop complete, students will now refine their skills through regular practices at school before returning to Wycheproof for three more intensive workshops. All their hard work will culminate in two electrifying performances at John Cain Arena in Melbourne this September!

Below: Learning and practising the dance moves.



Below: Taking a well earned lunch break.



Below: The dancers pictured with Mass Dance Creative Director, Hara Papoulias.



Taken

MOMENTS

F: Eliza

Grade 1/2: Will

Grade 5/6: Faith

Year 8: Jack.M

Year 9: Elise

Year 10: Jacob

Year 11: Jack.S

Year 12: Scarlett

28.02.25



CONGRATULATIONS



St Mary's Sea Lake GALA DAY FETE

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
SHARE IN THE FUN**

**Free amusement rides, free magic
show, games, market stalls, BBQ,
carnival food, cake stall, face
painting and lots more...**

**Sunday, March 16
10am-2pm**

Proudly supported by Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal
Cash only event - No Eftpos on site

MUSIC LESSONS

Please remember if your child is attending a music lesson here at the school, that regular payments are to be made.

We appreciate your co operation.



Staff wanted at Sea Lake Foodworks

A junior- must be 15 yrs or older for after school work

A senior staff member- casual position

Please ring Nat for further details or pop instore and discuss with her

50 701090 or 0414 078 789



The VCE VM students have organised a "Guess the lollies in the jar" competition, to raise money to go towards homeless people in the Mallee (approx 700+ homeless people in the Mallee). The jar is located at the Front Office and guesses can take place from March 6-21. It is \$1 a guess or \$5 for 6 guesses.

We appreciate the support of this worthy cause.

Elevate Education's Term 1

Parent Webinar Series

Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops to our students that help to develop their study skills, motivation, and exam preparation. Over the next term, you're invited to join their parent webinar series, where you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Hear expert advice on the following topics:

How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated

12th February 6:30pm (AEDT)

How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time

26th February 6:30pm (AEDT)

How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)

12th March 6:30pm (AEDT)

How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory

26th March 6:30pm (AEDT)

Register today at: <https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>



Dear Tyrrell College families,

The Smile Squad team from RFDS are coming to our school soon. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

Monday April 28 to Friday May 2, Monday May 12 to Friday May 16.

How to access free dental care?

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at:

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by 21/04/2025.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs-

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste-

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional. If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The RFDS Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Please drop
donations to the
Front Office at
the school

TYRRELL COLLEGE
PARENTS & FRIENDS

Easter Rabble

Parents & Friends are
seeking donations of Easter
eggs or Easter items for the
Easter Hamper fundraiser
due to be drawn March 28.

Any donations big or small
are greatly appreciated!

"Raffle tickets have been distributed to
students for selling due back to the school
on Monday March 24.



Tyrrell College

Parents & Friends Committee



Tyrrell College Parents and Friends aim is to raise funds through fundraising activities to cover the costs of numerous school projects and equipment to benefit all students. Some of which have included raising funds for sports equipment, playground equipment, fundraising for school camps, excursions, seminars, classroom items etc. We also contribute to funding Breakfast Club, which is available to students each morning.

Please join our Facebook page (below) for more information on upcoming events and to help contribute to fundraising activities.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who volunteered in 2024, we look forward to continuing to fundraise as much as possible for our students in 2025 and appreciate your assistance.



Tyrrell College P and F



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**FRIDAY
MARCH 28
2025**

WWW.FOODFIGHT.COM.AU

<https://youtu.be/RHJU7f6zgM>

See video link above for further details.

Information on how to create your own profile has been sent home with students, spare pamphlets are available at the Front Office if needed.



PARENT LETTER

GET READY FOR THE FUNNEST, MESSIEST DAY EVER!

Hi **Tyrrell College** families,

We're holding a Food Fight to raise much needed funds for Foodbank Victoria with a target of \$500 and we're asking all families to pitch in!

We are super excited to announce that we will be holding our event on **Friday, March 28** on the school oval!

What is the Foodbank Food Fight?

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It's just like a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.

The Food Fight fun happens at school and the fundraising happens at home. You get to create your own online profile, set your fundraising target and then choose your target prizes. In your profile you will have a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target.

Money raised will go to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!

*No ACTUAL food will be harmed in the making of this event.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do is create an online profile at foodfight.com.au. Forms will be distributed next week to students in PDP class. The **class** with the most profiles by **Friday March 14** will all get an icy pole!

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, we would love to see you there!

Thank you all in advance,

Tyrrell College

What would you like to see at the pools?



Warm water/hydrotherapy
section of pool



Lap Lanes



Fitness Station for
Young People to Seniors



Outdoor Group
Fitness Sessions



Water Play area with splash
pad and sprays and jets



Native play integrated
with water play



More shaded areas



Sensory Gardens



Community Events



Cafe and Social Seating



Adventure Play



Water Slides

Fill out a
survey QR



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