

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## TYLDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 10

Fri 12th Dec 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### DECEMBER

##### Tuesday 16th

Gr 6 Grad evening 7.30pm

##### Wednesday 17th

Last day of term: Assembly at 2:30pm Dismissal at 3.30pm

##### Thursday 18th

Curriculum day no students  
Parent/Teacher Interviews  
1:00—3:00pm

##### Friday 19th

Curriculum day no students  
required at school today

#### JANUARY 2026

Term 1 28th Jan– 4th Apr

##### Tuesday 20th

2026 Prep playdate 10-11am

##### Tuesday 27th

Book Pack Collection  
9am—12 pm

##### Wednesday 28th

School commences 9am  
All grades start today

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, we had our last Stephanie Alexandar Kitchen Garden session for the year. The students cooked up a delicious Christmas feast. I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge shout out to Vanessa Thomson for all her hard work and dedication with our program this year. Our students are very privileged to participate in such a wonderful program. I am happy to share that in 2026, due to the changes in class structures both the Grade 3/4 and 4/5 classes will participate in the Stephanie Alexandar Kitchen Garden program.

Tuesday was State-Wide Transition Day. Our grade 6 students visited their secondary schools and the Tylden Primary School students spent the morning with their new teacher for 2026 and their classmates in a transition session. This included our new preps for 2026, who had their last school visit for the year. It was very obvious to me when I visited the classrooms that all of the children were very comfortable and ready for the move into their next grade level. The 2026 preps did a special activity with their Big Buddies setting up a solid foundation for this important relationship.

Yesterday over 50 students visited three local aged care facilities to spread some Christmas cheer. Thank you to all of the students who have given up their lunchtimes over many weeks to rehearse the songs. Thank you also to Mrs Farrelly, Mrs Redman and Ms Flens for organising the rehearsals and the excursion. The residents

love having a visit from young people and they loved hearing the Christmas songs.

School council met for the last time for the year on Tuesday evening. The business included the approval of financial transactions for the month, approval of some expenditure of the last of our 2025 Fair fundraising and discussion about our treasured cubby house.

Our grade 6 students have headed off on their traditional Big Day Out celebration today. They travelled to Melbourne for a fun filled day in the city. A fantastic way to celebrate the end of Grade 6!

The grade 6 graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday 16th December at school starting at 7:00pm. All members of our school community are very welcome to attend the graduation ceremony.

Please remember that the students last day for the year is Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Students will be dismissed at 3:30pm. Our final assembly will be held at 2:30pm in the Big Shed, for the end of term awards and where we will farewell our Grade 6 students of 2025. hope to see you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Bree Sliwczynski

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### DOLPHINS 2025 SWIM CARNIVAL WINNERS



Holly

Leela

Remi

George



Pictured:

Ms Sliwczynski  
presenting the  
perpetual trophy to  
our Dolphin Captain  
Caleb & Dolphin  
representative  
Benno



## Plätzchen

The German tradition of Plätzchen centres around communal baking, sharing food and slowing down to spend quality family time together during the busy December period. At this time of year, German families and friends come together across generations for a day, to bake and spend time with each other. At the end of the day, each family leaves with a box or bag full of a variety of delicious biscuits, however the joy of the tradition lies more in the process than in the final product. In German this week we spent time together across grades to bake three different types of Plätzchen which we then shared with the whole school. Attached are some recipes for popular German Plätzchen that you can bake with your family this December.



## AGED CARE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Thursday 53 of our students participated in an excursion to Trentham Nursing Home, RM BEGG and BUPA Aged Care Kyneton to perform some Christmas Carols to the aged care residents. This has been a Tylden PS tradition and I am extremely proud that such a large number of students gave up their lunchtimes over many weeks to rehearse.

The performances brought a smile and joy to the aged care residents, they clearly loved having our children sing to them. The students also enjoyed a visit from Santa who delivered some treats at Bupa Aged Care!



A big thank you to Mrs Redman and her friend who played the ukuleles, Mr Miller who played the banjo, Ms Flens for giving up her lunchtimes to assist with rehearsals and to Amy for helping out on the day. Thank you to all of the parents who attended. It was a wonderful day!

I hope to see many students volunteer again next year to sing some more carols. **Louise Farrelly Performing Arts Teacher**





### RED CROSS PILLOWCASE WORKSHOP



Recently, we had Margot and Lulu, volunteers from the Red Cross, visit our school. They delivered a one-hour workshop and led a discussion about the importance of being prepared for emergencies. Students took part in an activity that helped them understand how to prepare their minds for the emotions that may arise before, during, and after an emergency, as well as an activity demonstrating what to pack in the event of one. Each student was given a pillowcase to decorate and take home to begin their own personal emergency kit—hence the program's title.

With the increase in both the number and severity of emergencies, this program provides a valuable opportunity for students to gain essential knowledge on how to cope in such situations. The Pillowcase Program is a school-based emergency preparedness initiative designed for students aged 8–10 (Years 3–4) to help build their understanding and capacity in emergency readiness. This project is part of a larger international pilot supported by the Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC) and the American Red Cross.



### THIS WEEK IN STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

It was our Year 3 Christmas Feast today. We started with our 'mingle and munch' entrée which was a Christmas tree fruit and cheese platter served with fruit punch. Then we moved on to the main course – Glazed Baked Ham, Hasselback Potatoes, Roast Carrots and Honey-mustard Steamed Green Medley.

Just when you thought you could not eat another thing it was dessert time - Mini Pavlovas with cream and berries. What a feast it was- super job Year Threes!



In the garden, the students have been busy tidying up and planting getting ready for next years cooking program.

Pictured are the grade 3 picking broad beans and eating some along the way.

## FROM THE OFFICE.....

### MUSIC LESSONS

To express your interest in drum lessons for 2026 please email [elizabethdynon@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdynon@gmail.com). Please note, lessons are available to students in Grades 1-6 and spots are limited so a waiting list may apply. Thank you! **Lizzie Dynon**

To express your interest in piano & guitar lessons for 2026 please email [andrew@musicintuition.net](mailto:andrew@musicintuition.net). Please note, lessons are available to students in Grades 1-6 and spots are limited so a waiting list may apply. Thank you! **Andrew McCubbin**

### BOOK PACKS

Just a quick reminder that book pack orders for 2025 are due to be completed online by this **Sunday 19th December**. any late orders will incur a late fee and they cannot be guaranteed to be delivered in the first two weeks.

### LOST PROPERTY

Our property box is overflowing, with lunch containers, drink bottles and items of clothing and unfortunately none of the items have names. Please come and check if you are missing anything.

We kindly ask all families to label zip jackets, hoodies, and any other clothing items, as this makes it much easier for us to return them to their rightful owners.

Over the holiday break, could you please ensure that all items are clearly named? Thank you for your cooperation!

### LIBRARY BOOKS

We still have a number of borrowed books not returned to school. If you can have another look at home and return to the office by Wednesday. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

### XUNO

Could I get all families to log into Xuno and check any unexplained absences, update mobile numbers, addresses and check your emergency contacts. Please email the office if you have issues updating [tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tylden.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

From 2026 we have changes when school lunch orders will be available.

- Subway (Wednesday) Ordered online the night before
- Super Sushi (Thursday) Ordered the day before at the office cash only
- Tylden General Store (Friday's only) Dropped in the class box by 9am on the Friday

## SAVE THE DATE-ANNUAL FAIR SATURDAY 21st MARCH



### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

- 2 Stall Coordinators—**Curry/Spuds/Hot Dogs**
- 1 Stall Coordinator- **Raffle Tickets**
- 1 stall Coordinator **Games on the basketball court**
- 1 Stall Coordinator- **Bins/Garbage control**
- Team members to help with approaching businesses in Kyneton, Woodend & Trentham

### WHAT CAN EVERY FAMILY DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

- Ask all friends and relatives to "Save the Date" of the Fair: Saturday 21st March.
- Make seasonal jams and preserves
- Take cuttings/plant seeds/pot out seedlings to help to stock the plant stall.
- Start collecting your Trash and Treasure.
- Gather any unwanted Christmas gifts and "re-gift" them for the Silent Auction.



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOLS OUT

# SCHOOL'S OUT!

## Newsletter

December 12th  
SchoolsOUT Tylden



### Important announcement

I (Savanah) will be leaving Tylden Primary after the summer holiday program, and you will have a new coordinator for 2026. Please read the owna post from yesterday for more information

### Whats on next week?

On Wednesday, we will be having a SchoolsOUT Christmas Party! We will have games, Christmas treats and lots of fun activities! This will just be during regular after-school care time on site. I'd love to see as many of you there as I can to say farewell for my last after-school care day at Tylden! However, I will still be around during the summer holidays!



### Weekly SHOUTOUTS

Being a great friend

Eliza. A

Helping other children

Wren.BW

Great listening skills

Quillen.CP

Helping educators

Ethan. R

Showing resilience or bravery

Trying something new

Liam. M

### Summer Holiday Program

Bookings are still open for our Summer Holiday Program!! You can find the program on the OWNA news page or on our website. Please ensure any bookings are made through OWNA

Due to work going on within the school, we will be operating starting from the 12<sup>th</sup> of January. If you need care during the week before, you are more than welcome to book in for any of our other sites, which are starting on the 5th.

If you are having trouble with bookings, please reach out to me or the Admin team to get those in ASAP!





## Tylden CFA Santa Run 2025 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10am



Tylden CFA will be conducting the Tylden Santa Run again this year.

We will be driving around the Tylden Streets from 10am, so listen out for the siren and come out to your front gate.

We will NOT be doing an outer run this year.  
if you would like to meet Santa, come to the Town Hall around noon.

JOIN US FOR A  
**TYLDEN Christmas PARTY**

DECEMBER **12** FROM 5 PM

THE TYLDEN HALL  
5 TYLDEN-WOODEND ROAD

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FEATURING:**  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
KIDS CRAFT ACTIVITY  
RAFFLE PRIZES  
A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA  
**PLUS**  
HAVE A FESTIVE FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA

**ALL WELCOME – BYO PICNIC**

## HORSIN' AROUND

### Holiday Workshops and Sessions

Fun Equine Assisted Learning Activities

10am 'til 2pm \$220

ARRANGE A CUSTOMISED SESSION

Ages for workshops 7-12yo & 12-16

Workshops: 7th, 9th, 13th, & 15th Jan 2026 Tylden/Kyneton  
Individual, shared & group sessions for all ages throughout holidays & school term  
A great way to learn life & social skills along with good horsepartnership skills in a small supportive environment, outdoors in nature with horses.

- \* catching & leading
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- \* horse communication
- \* grooming & decorating
- \* pony themed games
- \* mounted riding activity

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Woodend Winter Arts Festival Presents

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

3.00pm Saturday 13th December 2025  
St Ambrose Church, Woodend

Join us for a family friendly afternoon of Christmas Carols, as outstanding chamber choir Ensemble Gombert, directed by John O'Donnell, bring the Christmas cheer to Woodend once again.

Imagine being in Kings College Cambridge listening to Christmas carols of many times and places, from the Medieval era to the present day, with much-loved melodies from Europe, the Americas and Australia. The program will feature some well-known carols, including many family favourites, along with some lesser-known pieces.

Listen to them in the glorious acoustics of St Ambrose Church. Don't miss what is guaranteed to be an enjoyable and uplifting performance by Australia's premier a cappella choral ensemble. Tickets are on sale now!



For tickets and more information visit  
[woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au](http://woodendwinterartsfestival.org.au)  
We encourage you to book online to avoid disappointment.



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

Our School Values are: Integrity—Personal Best—Kindness—Resilience—Creativity

