Our Tradition:
At our whole school assembly on Monday I reminded the students of the long and proud tradition of Tarnagulla Primary School.

With over 140 years of teaching and learning at this place, so many have been through as students and gone on to take their place in the adult world.

I asked the students to think not only about today, but about the future that they are each building for themselves as they make the most of everything they do: to strive for excellence in the classroom, on the sporting field and in life.

Swimming Program
This year the whole school will again participate in a swimming program where the primary focus is on providing students with the skills and practice to learn or develop their swimming and be safe in water.

The program is timetabled for Monday to Friday (08th – 12th February) in the first week, and Tuesday, Wednesday (16th—17th) in the second week.

The lesson times are from 11:00am to 11:45am each day at the Dunolly Pool with instructors being provided for small groups at different levels. The school will run its normal timetable and program in the first morning and afternoon sessions.

Transport will be by bus and students will need to bring their swimming gear, hat, sunscreen to each session. The little people will need a hat that they can wear in the pool. The cost of the program will be $80 per student. The same cost as last year.

Parents are invited to bring their Foundation child to attend the swimming program at Dunolly pool on Wednesday 10th and 17th February.

Please complete the attached permission form and return it to school by Monday.

- Please do not wear baths to school as there will be adequate time to change at school.

School council elections
At the beginning of each year, every Victorian state school engages in the process of electing parents to serve on school council. This group meets once per month (traditionally on the 3rd Tuesday of each school month) and aims to have about 10 meetings for the year.

School council is the group of people who are given the power to set the key directions for the school. This means that school council can directly influence the quality of education that a school provides to its students. It endorses the key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents including the School Strategic Plan, the school budget and the Annual Report to the School Community.

In essence, council makes sure that the school is running effectively in terms of how it spends its funds and the guidelines it makes for how the school is to work.

I would like all parents to consider whether they can assist in this role and make themselves available. Nomination forms will be available early in February.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
4-6 Classroom:
Students have been focusing on their two-times tables this week and will be tested tomorrow morning. Parents are encouraged to provide a quick review tonight in preparation for the test tomorrow.

We will also have our first spelling test tomorrow. All students have had a set list for the week and should review these regularly.

Mrs. Sapountzis has been taking the class for science and begun a unit on the topic of heat, specifically exploring sources of heat, how heat is produced, how it is transferred through different mediums and how heat can be used in practical applications to do work.

F-3 Classroom:
We have started the term with reading and writing activities have been recounts – recording stories and events in student’s lives – as part of the topic ‘Me and My Community.’

As part of developing good learning habits both at school and at home, next week the years 2 and 3 students will be beginning their first homework activity: a small homework task around spelling. Parents are asked to assist in asking about the work and the words to be learnt.

As a part of the ‘Me and My Community’ unit, we will be sending home some information for parents with a focus on each student researching old picture of themselves and noting the various ways in which they have changed both physically and in their interests and activities.

Art Smocks:
Students at all year levels need to have a protective covering for the art program. Smocks can be purchased at a small cost from shops, or alternatively an old large shirt works equally well.

Parent Payments 2015
Parents are reminded that there is a charge of $100 per student. The school pay for the work books, pens and pencils, erasers and rulers, tissues and many other things that the students use on a day-to-day basis. Parents can pay this in one lump sum at the beginning of this year, or as $25 per term. Any family who needs to discuss an alternative payment arrangement or cost, please speak directly to Mr Mellberg.

Book Club
Please find attached an order form. If you would like to order a book just return the order form with the money to school by Wednesday, 10th February.

Parents & Friends
The first P&F meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th February at 10am in the staffroom.
It is a great opportunity to be involved with the school and to meet other parents.
We are looking forward to seeing lots of new faces this year. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

School Banking
School banking will be starting up again from next Thursday, 1th February 2016.

Thursday’s will be the regular day for this year (unless I let you know otherwise). So do send in your child’s deposits then.

For those new to the school, to participate in school banking all your child needs is to have a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites account, you can open one at any branch of Commonwealth Bank or over the internet if you use CBA yourselves. Or if your child already has an account just send in their deposit book and deposit, and it will be returned the following day, and the money gets paid into their account as normal. It’s a great way to encourage your child to save money and be responsible. Also it benefits the school as CBA will give the school commission for every child who banks through this scheme.

We have a new list of rewards for the kids to choose from when they get to their 10 tokens, check out the envelopes sent home.

If you have any questions about school banking feel free to contact me –

Heather McCarthy on 5435 7374 or email: beingcreateable@gmail.com)
Permission Form                      Swimming Program                      Grades Foundation - 6

Monday, 08\textsuperscript{th} – Friday, 17\textsuperscript{th} February

My child/children ____________________________________________________________

has/have my permission to travel by Maffescioni Bus Lines, to attend the Swimming Program at Dunolly Pool.

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

* Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,

* administer such first aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonable necessary.

Name of Parent/Guardian: ______________________________________________________

Ph. No_______________________________ Mobile _________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date____________________

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Permission Form                      DERBY HILL                      Grades 6

Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} February

My child/children ____________________________________________________________

has/have my permission to travel by private car (Mr Mellberg) to attend Derby Hill, Maldon.

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

* Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,

* administer such first aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonable necessary.

Name of Parent/Guardian: ______________________________________________________

Ph. No_______________________________ Mobile _________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date____________________