Welcome
We welcome back Melissa Ellem to Taverners. We are very happy that Mel agreed to be part of Taverners for the rest of 2014. The Echidnas had a great first week with their new teacher Ms Ellem. We hope you love being back at Taverners Mel.

We also welcome a new student to Taverners and the Echidnas class. Welcome to Hasan and his mum Leyla. We hope you love being part of the Taverners community.

Bunnings BBQ
From Eric
The Story goes
Thanks to everyone who helped out. As usual all the TAVS parents got together had a great time and went beyond the call off duty. But to tell a short story and how the best laid plans can go wrong.

I was ready to go Saturday night. The van was packed and ready to go. We had 40 kilos of onions on ice, the van was packed with drinks consumables and donated eskies. I was to pick up buns from Kim's at Marrickville at 0630 Sunday morning and pick up snags from Martin Graham at 0700. I opened the roller door 0610 and I had been parked in. I ran around the corner and knocked on a few doors at 0615 to find the owner [very popular I was] to no avail. I rang the Marrickville police to track the car but the rego had no phone number so plan B and let the games began. I called Paul Williams and we attempted to reinvent the wheel at 0630 in the morning. To add the tow truck company would not move the van without the police.

Melissa phoned the Dermody's to get Jabin [Shift 3!! Not 1] to come and pick up all in his ute. I grabbed the other car and rang Terry Natt [Poor Terry first on list] He grabbed the car he was not supposed to have, picked up the sausages and waited and grabbed the bread rolls I picked up so he could head out to site and start. Paul and I headed back to my place but Jabin had already decanted the whole van and had his ute packed. Crisis averted and we were on our way. [But still parked in]

We still made it to Bunning's at 0725 [whew!!!]

So thankyou
Terry Natt, Jason Harty, Sandra Tranter, Matt Feeney, Michelle Demaine, Nick Woodall, Greg Daveron, Darren Plummer, Lily Plummer, Alison Dingwall, Paul Williams, David Trethewey, Jacki Gardner, Paul Williams, Sally Hutchinson, James Hutchinson, Jabin Dermody, Mark Mordue, Martin Graham, Scott Plunkett and Mark Irwin, Nick Makeham.

Special awards to Jabin Dermody and the Dermody clan for being woken up at 0645 and coming to the rescue Paul Williams whose sausage sizzle experience and work beyond the call of duty made our day so much easier and having
the unenviable task of arranging sausages and storage. Terry Natt for jumping into our disaster and helping tirelessly after that [How did you get home?]. Martin [My fridge smells of sausages again!!] Graham for overnight sausage storage. Michelle Demaine for being very cool and picking up all the ice and Jabin Dermody and Scott Plunkett for doing the post shift returns.
I must also mention that the great orange esky was supplied by James Sutherland a former TAVS parent and still willing to help out.
To our apprentice staff and students at TAVS, Lily for looking after the till shift 2 [Future treasurer!!!] and Darby [For doing drinks shift 2. Hopefully not having a full time job at the bowlo]. My apologies if I have missed anything but it all seems like such a blur now.
Anyway what a day. I am calling it in at $1445.or very close to...

From Jack
Well the rain held off & the sun peaked through at Bunnings Ashfield yesterday to make it a successful fundraiser. Big thanks to Eric Putre for his co-ordination of this fundraising event ably assisted by Paul Williams. Thanks to all the parents and siblings who gave up a few hours to assist – cooking, cutting, serving and front of house. As always a great team Taverners event, I enjoyed working on my shift even though it will be a while before I fancy a sausage sanger again!!
It was great to see the quick addition & subtraction skills of Lily at the front of house, Lily was putting me to shame!! Despite chilly fingers from the ice, Darby did a great job as the drinks boy!

Jack on LSL
I will be on Long Service Leave from Monday May 12 and will return to school on Monday May 26. If you require any day to day assistance during this time please speak to John Gauci or Nicole Newson. If there is any big picture stuff please feel free to email me as per usual.

Mother’s Day Stall – this Thursday & Friday
Hey Dads – It’s Mother’s Day on Sunday and we can help with your shopping needs!! On Thursday and Friday of this week we will be having our Mother’s Day stall from 9am on the verandah.

A variety of gifts will be available – all $5 each

P&C Meeting – This Tuesday
Come and join us for the May P&C meeting tomorrow night May 6 @ 7pm in the library.

Working Bee
AWESOME PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR THE WORKING BEE
This is an important mini project which will help create a better outdoor environment for the school and our kids! I am hoping to raise a team of awesome volunteers to help prepare the school garden area for the new pond as well as a quick tidy up of the grounds. The working bee will run from 2 pm Saturday May 17th and we will need your help for an hour and a half. A great way to get involved in the school and everybody is welcome with a well earned ‘working beer’ to follow.
If you a) awesome b) can help and would like to be involved c) bring a shovel, garden fork
Add your name to the verandah noticeboard list or contact Nick York.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP

A Couple of Heads Ups
1. Parent / Teacher Interview Dates – Quokkas and Wallabies Tuesday June 24 & Dingoes and Echidnas Wednesday June 25. Interview timeslots will be between 8am & 6pm. Of course if you can’t make these dates you can organise another mutually convenient time with class teachers. Don’t contact class teacher NOW. A booking form will be sent home later in the term.
2. Grandparents / Special Friends Morning – Thursday 21 August from 9.30 – 11.45am

Bookclub
The book club orders have arrived and are ready for collection in the office. Post it notes with the purchasers name have been placed on each item. I am also attaching a list of what each parent has ordered, should post-it notes go astray, as they often do. If you have any concerns about your orders, or need us to chase anything up, please feel free to text or call either Martha or John Thanks again for supporting our school with your purchases, and very happy reading to you all. John Haly and Martha Knox-Haly (Christopher Quokkas)

Diary Dates  (New / altered events in bold)
- P&C Meet – Tuesday May 6 @ 7pm
- Assembly hosted by The Quokkas – Friday May 9
- Assembly hosted by The Dingoes – Friday May 16
- RAW Art workshop – Friday May 23
- BNO Auction Dinner – Saturday May 31 @ Petersham Bowling Club
- P&C Meet – Tuesday June 10 @ 7pm
- Reports Home – Friday June 20
- Parent Teacher Interviews – Quokkas & Wallabies Tuesday June 24
- Parent Teacher Interviews – Dingoes & Echidnas Wednesday June 25
- Last Day Term 2 – Friday June 27
- Staff return Term 3 – Monday July 14
- Children return Term 3 – Tuesday July 15
- Grandparents Special Friends Morning – Thursday August 21
- Last Day Term 3 – Friday September 19

BNO – Auction Dinner Saturday May 31
“The 80’s”

Have you got the child minder booked?  ✔️
Started thinking about your 80’s costume?  ✔️
Thought about your favoured businesses that you could approach for a donation?  ✔️

If you haven’t there are only 27 days until The Premier Social Event in Petersham
You’d better get cracking!!!

Look Out For The Ticket Information this week in Home Reader Bags
From Simone
Term 2 has got off to a flying start with only **27 days to go until the Big Night Out**! It has been an amazing effort so far with so many people busy cold calling, planning, designing and digging though their cupboards to make it a night to remember.

**We need more items for our Live Auction.** These items are the backbone of the fundraising, being auctioned on the night by our experienced auctioneers Cecily and Adam, with items going from several hundred to several thousand.

In previous years we have had 3-5 stays in holiday houses to auction, but so far we only have the kind offer of one. So if you have family, friends or even vague acquaintances with a **holiday house** that you could beg or borrow for our auction please let us know!

Some **other ideas for items that have been auctioned** from previous years:
- Kids party package - several parents got together to provide cupcakes and face painting
- Got a boat, classic or fast car? - you could offer a personalised ride
- Know a restaurant owner that could offer a special night out?
- Opera, Concert, sports tickets

Please everyone think hard and let's see what we can come up with. I'm looking forward to all your creative ideas and seeing those great 80s outfits! Regards Simone

From Cath
Can you help? We are looking for the following items to enhance your 80s experience:
- disco balls and spotlights
- Twister mats
- 80s album covers
- 80s paraphernalia (rubrics cubes, books, saxophones, film or music posters...)
- balloons and glo sticks
- cans of metallic or brightly coloured spray paint
- cylindrical glass vases.

Finally, if you are free on the morning of Sunday 25th May to help out with some crafting we'd love to have you (no artist skill needed). Contact Rachel or Cath