

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Small School, Big Opportunities

20th March 2024

Newsletter No. 4

Please Note – supervision is from 8.45-9.00am before school and 3.20-3.30pm after school.

Dear families,

I am extremely excited to announce that I will be continuing as Acting Principal for term 2! I couldn't be happier to keep working with the staff, parents/carers and wider community to improve the learning opportunities for our students. For me to learn and grow with my leadership journey, I welcome any feedback you may have (good or bad) and look forward to another great term at this great school.

School Council

I'd like to say a massive thank you and welcome to Kate Starke, Chrissy Knox and Briony Grant for putting their hands up to join the School Council team. Congratulations to Vanessa who was again the successful applicant as School Council President. Also a big thank you to Briony who agreed to be Vice President on her first meeting! Jaime-lee Lawton, Sabrina Hohmann and Sarah Williamson will again be part of the team for another year which is also great news. I have a lot of faith in this team to achieve some great things throughout the year while keeping it fun and enjoyable.

Athletics

Good luck to all our grade 3-6 students who will be representing our school this Friday at the Waratah Athletics Carnival. Our Values of Kindness, Cooperation, Resilience and Respect continue to be a focus and are instilled in the way all our students conduct themselves and I'm sure they will all

continue to make us proud. Don't forget you are all welcome to come along and cheer them on.

NAPLAN

Congrats to our grades 3 and 5 students for the hard work they have put in completing the 4 NAPLAN tests over the last week. All the students gave it their best and we look forward to getting the results that reflect the hard work that they have been putting into their learning. A big thanks goes out to Ms Pilkington for preparing and conducting the tests throughout that time.

VCOP

On Monday, our teachers attended a professional development day on VCOP which stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, and Punctuation. The program is designed to support educators on their journey to raise the standards of written and oral language. The school's Annual Implementation goals are to strengthen staff understanding of evidence based, best practices in literacy teaching and refine our current Writing Instructional Model. The work our staff has undertaken during this course will go a long way in supporting us to achieve these goals.

Warm Regards,


Ashton Webster

Acting Principal



**IT'S GREAT IF
YOU'RE NOT LATE**

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

 Follow our Facebook page for photos and the most up to date information of the learning happening at school.

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



Grade 6 Polo Shirts

Students in Grade 6 can order a special Grade 6 polo shirt. These are \$45.00 each and available at the office.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you have a Centrelink card and have not already done so, you will need to fill in an application form for CSEF. Please see Lindy in the office.

Parent Payments

Thank you to the parents who have already paid Curriculum Contributions for this school year.

The 2024 Parent Payment Policy has been published on Compass and can also be found on our school website: www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au.

Please note that payments can be made via :

- Compass
- Cash
- Direct debit into the school account (see details on following page)
- Credit Card payment at the office via Compass

Somers Camp

Four of our students in the senior grade have been guaranteed a place at Somers Camp this year. This 9 day camp is fantastic value at \$260.00 per student. Somers Camp is only offered to students in our area every second year. The camp runs from 16th April to 24th April.



Library Books

We have just recently received a couple of boxes of new books for our school library. The students love to see new books in the library and we haven't purchased any for quite a while.



These books need to be processed in our borrowing system and will then need to be covered before they are available to students.

We are hoping that some wonderful families will volunteer to take some books home to cover over the holidays. It would be fantastic if we could make them available to students from the start of term 2. Please contact Lindy in the office if you can help us.

Working BEE at school

Tuesday 26th March

3.20pm - 4.20pm

Afternoon Tea will be provided



2024 Calendars

At the end of last year the school was selling 2024 calendars as a fundraiser. These calendars feature the amazing artwork of our students.

We have a few calendars that have not sold and they are now available for the **bargain price of \$10.00 each**. Contact the office if you would like to purchase a calendar (or two!!)



Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great time on your special day.

- ◆ Joh
- ◆ Tatum
- ◆ Kai





2024- DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 13th - Wednesday 27th March	Naplan Testing
Friday 22nd March	Waratah Athletics @ Foster Grades 3 - 6
Tuesday 26th March	Working bee from 3.20pm Afternoon Tea Provided
Thursday 28th March	Foodbank Food Fight !!
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 15th April	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 16th - 24th April	Somers Camp
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day public holiday
Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd May	Melbourne Camp Grades 5 & 6

Meeniyah CWA presents

THE 2024
Score challenge

Pre-order now
Plain scones \$2.
Date or Savoury \$2.50 each
Collection at Meeniyah Hall
Saturday March 30th
Phone your order to
Marilyn 0408 647 327 or Vanessa 0434 552 776



Preparing, cooking and eating the potatoes.

Delicious!!



Congratulations to these students for demonstrating good team work.



The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

GIPPSLAND HILLS GROUP

Presents its 69TH EXHIBITION

Handicrafts, Art & Home Industries

Members' exhibits will be on display. Demonstrations of art and craft techniques will be conducted from time to time on both days.

A stall in the foyer will feature cakes, preserves, and a selection of CWA Merchandise for sale.

Please visit the Supper Room for light refreshment at any time.

Enquiries:
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Find us on facebook @CWAGippslandHills

Poowong Public Hall
4 Nyora Road
Poowong

6 - 7 April, 2024
Saturday 10 - 4.30
Sunday 10 - 3.30

Adults: \$5
Children & school students: free

Open to the public
Admission allows re-entry all weekend





Auslan

We have been super busy in Auslan over the past few weeks. We have been learning numbers to 20, colours and fruit.

The seniors practised their finger spelling and numbers with an activity which required them to practise their receptive skills.

The juniors and middles enjoyed learning colours and then linking these to fruits. We practised phrases such as I like bananas and I don't like pears using our faces for expression.

Ask your child to teach you the signs that they have been taught. This helps them to remember the signs.

FACT- Body language and expression play a huge role in conveying meaning and emotion in Auslan.

Nicki Robson

See if you can practice these statements:



Five /5



Yellow



Banana / Bananas



Seven /7



Green



Grapes

Swimming

For the last swimming session, students were asked to wear their pyjamas to simulate the feeling of being in the water in their clothing. This was also as

water safety day, teaching students how to use life jackets and help people in difficulty.



Account Name:

**Tarwin Lower Primary School Council
Operating Account**

BSB: 063000

ACC: 14191631



Gardening Teaches Me

- Responsibilities - caring for plants
- Understanding - cause and effect - not enough water plants will die
- Self-confidence - achieving goals and enjoying plants growing
- Nutrition - learn where fresh food comes from
- Cooperation - teamwork
- Physical activities - digging, harvesting produce
- Discovery - science of plants
- Love of nature





20th March 2024

The top section consists of three panels. The left panel has a purple background with a large purple splash shape. It features the 'FOOD FIGHT' logo at the top left, the text 'Have you created your profile yet?' in the center, and a row of five cartoon food characters at the bottom. The middle panel has a purple background with a large purple splash shape. It features the 'FOOD FIGHT' logo at the top left, the text 'DRESS CODE' in the top left, and a list of items: 'White Shirt', 'Sunscreen', 'Water', and 'Hat' in the center. The right panel has a purple background with a large orange splash shape. It features the 'FOOD FIGHT' logo at the top left, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in the center, and the date 'Thursday 28th March 2024' on the right. Each panel has a small 'FOOD BANK' logo in the bottom right corner.

So far, our school has raised

\$900.00!!

How amazing is that??

Here is a challenge for you all.....

If we can raise the total to

over \$1000.00.....

the highest fundraiser from each class
gets to slime...

Ms Pilko !!!