

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Small School, Big Opportunities

30th July 2025

Newsletter No. 10

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

Dear Families,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the returning Principal of Tarwin Lower Primary School. After over 2 years away, due to cancer and the medical interventions of chemotherapy, radiation, and 5 operations, I am glad to say that there is now No Evidence of Disease at present.

Thank you for making my return so joyous. It has been great to catch up with students and families – old and new – and seeing the growth of students has been wonderful.

I am honoured to again lead a school with such persevering students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this school and to support the students and families of such an amazing community

I have worked at Tarwin Lower Primary School since 2010 both as a teacher and then a Principal. I believe that all students can achieve through hard work, perseverance, and support. Our staff is committed to setting high academic standards for our students while providing a nurturing environment that encourages curiosity and a love for learning. These standards help to instil confidence and a work ethic that will follow our students into life.

Tarwin Lower Primary School is part of a united community dedicated to preparing students today to reach their full potential tomorrow. We strive to provide a nurturing environment for limitless growth. A strong partnership with parents is a crucial piece to help to prepare students for their future. Please plan to meet with your child's teacher at the Student Led Conferences, which shows your child that school is important.

Our staff works hard to keep parents informed. We will do this in a variety of ways including phone calls, emails, and

Compass. Communication is vital. If you ever have a question or concern, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school office.

I am anticipating a fantastic school year – please see the calendar with all the planned events. I am particularly looking forward to meeting and working with each of you. By using the simple idea of teamwork, the students, parents, and staff of Tarwin Lower Primary School will create an outstanding school.

Welcome to our new staff

Welcome to **Simone McGrath** who is replacing Jackie Dye in Year 3/4. Simone knows our school well, as she was our music teacher, casual relief teacher, and is also a school mum.

Welcome to **Narrelle Williams** who is an experienced Education Support staff member and will be working in all the classrooms.

And lastly, welcome to **Matt King** who is a pre-service teacher and is working in the P-2 classroom for the next four weeks.



Warm Regards,

Jennifer

Cox

Principal



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

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**2025– DATES TO REMEMBER**

TERM 3	
Wednesday 30th July	Maths Games Day for selected grade 5 & 6 students
Friday 1st August	Learning Behaviours Compass Comment
Tue 5th - Thu 14th August	Mini Book Fair
Friday 15 August	Reading Compass Comment
Sat 16th - Sat 23rd August	Book Week
Monday 18th August	Student Lead Conferences 2.00-4.40pm
Friday 29 August	Writing Compass Comment
Thursday 11 Sept	District Athletics
Friday 12 Sept	Maths Compass Comment
Friday 19 Sept	Last day of school— students finish 2.20pm
TERM 4	
Mon 6 Sept	First day of Term 4
Friday 10 Sept	Topic Compass Comment
Friday 24 Sept	Writing Compass Comment
Monday 27—Friday 31 Sept	Melbourne Camp Year 5/6
Wed 29—Friday 31 Sept	Forest Lodge Camp Year 3/4
Sat 1 Nov	School's 100 Year Celebration
Mon 3 Nov	No Students—Curriculum Day
Tues 4 Nov	Melb Cup Public Holiday
Frid 7 Nov	Maths Compass Comment
Fri 14 Nov	Reading Compass Comment
Wed 17 - Thur 18 Nov	Life Ed Visit—Grade 5/6
Wed 10 Dec	Reports Home
Thurs 11 Dec	School Concert
Wed 17 Dec	Curriculum Day—teachers complete first aid and CPR training—no students
Thurs 18 Dec	Teachers Professional Practice Day—no students
Friday 19 Dec	Last Day of Term 4—finish 1.20pm

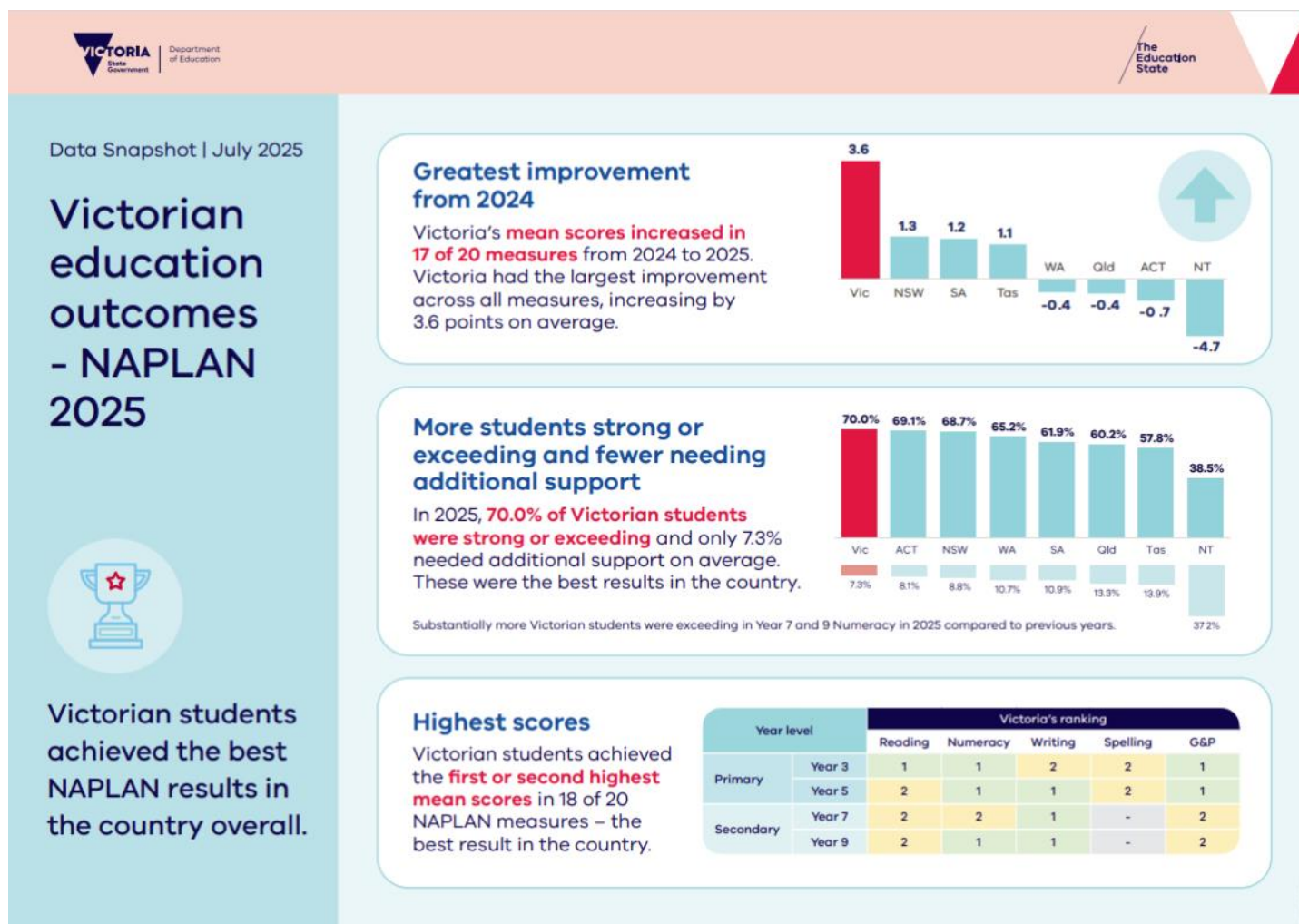


NAPLAN 2025

All students in Year 3 and Year 5 were sent home with their NAPLAN results from the beginning of the year. NAPLAN is a snapshot of your child's achievement on one day of the year. School uses these results to ensure we are extending and supporting all our students. NAPLAN is useful to gauge where your child was at, at the beginning of year. Please remember NAPLAN does not indicate your child's resilience, kindness, manners, creativity, athleticism, etc.

At school we believe in the whole child approach in education, which is a holistic framework that emphasizes the development of the whole individual, encompassing academic, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive domains. It moves beyond focusing solely on academic achievement to nurture well-rounded individuals prepared for success in all aspects of life. This approach recognizes that children learn best when they feel safe, engaged, supported, and challenged, and it actively involves the community in the educational process.

Below is the NAPLAN results for Victorian students, who excelled with the best overall results in Australia.





From the Chaplain...

Welcome to Term #3. Our students were all very excited to see each other on the first day back at school and I watched with amusement as two of the younger students were chasing each other around the oval. No doubt we are in for another busy term but how good it was to see it starting with such gusto.

I have attached two brochures for your perusal. One is for the men in our school community and the other is for the ladies. On the 7th of August there will be a free, online workshop for dads, stepdads, grandparents and carers. The topics being discussed include 'parenting styles, connecting with your children in a fun way and responding to your children's needs'. This workshop is being run by the 'Communities for children' charity in Frankston, and is funded by the Australian Government.



The second workshop is for you ladies. I have advertised 'Go Girls' in previous newsletters. If you are interested in taking part in this fully funded, women only program, please contact Michelle Maughan on 0401 993 541 ASAP or attend one of the information sessions on Friday August 29th. I completed this program myself last year and highly recommend it to you. It helped me greatly with goal setting. It was also lots of fun!

If your family needs a grocery hamper, please contact myself or Lindy ASAP and we will organise it for you. We have limited supplies available. Also, if you would like to meet with me for a chat, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sue

Uniform Order

Attached to the back of this newsletter is a uniform order form.

We have some families that need uniforms urgently so the close off date for orders to be submitted is next **Monday 4th August**. I will be placing the order on Tuesday morning.

Donation of Slices



All our families would have received a nice surprise when each student brought home a container with a variety of yummy slices last term.

These slices were donated to the school by the family of the late Ian Hone. The slices were all home made by Tarwin Lower Red Cross and Meeniyah CWA.



Due to a mix up from Scholastic, we have not received the metal cabinets for Book Fair. They have delivered all the books in boxes which need to be displayed on tables.

As you can appreciate, we are a bit short of space in the office foyer.

After discussions with Scholastic we have decided to run a MINI BOOK FAIR on the advertised dates. We will unpack and display as many books as we can. These will be available for students and families to purchase.

We will run a proper Book Fair later in the year, probably closer to Christmas (which is creeping up fast!).



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This is a very special photo of Jack playing football on the MCG for Auskick last term.

Well done Jack!

Account Name:

**Tarwin Lower Primary School Council
Operating Account**

BSB: 063000

ACC: 14191631

Happy Birthday

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

- **Clare**
- **Violet**
- **Arthur**
- **Mrs Cox**
- **Kensi**
- **Bayley**
- **Xavier**
- **Kayden**
- **Oscar**



Lunch orders Menu

Lunch orders must be handed in on Wednesday mornings

\$5.00 lunch deal	\$7.00 lunch deal
Chicken and lettuce sandwich	Pizza
Cheese sandwich	Pie
Ham and cheese sandwich	Sausage Roll
Boston Scroll	Ham and Salad Roll
	3 x Steamed Dim Sims
All \$5.00 orders come with a juice box	All \$7.00 orders come with a juice box OR Big M Chocolate or Strawberry

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MARC Library News

For 80 years the Children's Book Council of Australia has been working to promote quality literature for young people. Term 3 is always a celebration of the very best in Australian publishing as we head towards Children's Book Week in August. This year, the theme is 'Book an Adventure' and during MARC Library lessons, students will be reading the shortlisted books, completing tasks on the books and theme and casting their own votes for preferred titles. Books are shortlisted in several categories and Book Week provides a great opportunity to promote authors, illustrators and their stories.



In Term 3 our preview of learning looks like this:

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1-5	CBCA – Picture Book of the Year (Early Childhood) Shortlisted titles in this category will be <u>read</u> and classes will vote on their book of the year.	CBCA – Picture Book of the Year Shortlisted titles including 'Afloat' and 'We Live in a Bus ^{Box} ' will be shared. Students will cast their votes for the book they feel is 'best'.	CBCA – Fiction for Younger Readers Students will share the blurbs and first chapters of shortlisted books whilst working on a board game around the theme of <i>Book an Adventure</i> .
6	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature
7-8	Series Focus Students will be introduced to a new and older book series. Series include The School of Monsters and Ebb & Flo.	Series Focus Students will be introduced to a new and older book series. Series include Little Lunch and Something Terrible.	Series Focus Students will be introduced to a new and older book series. Series could include The Wizards of Once or Stuff Happens.
9	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature

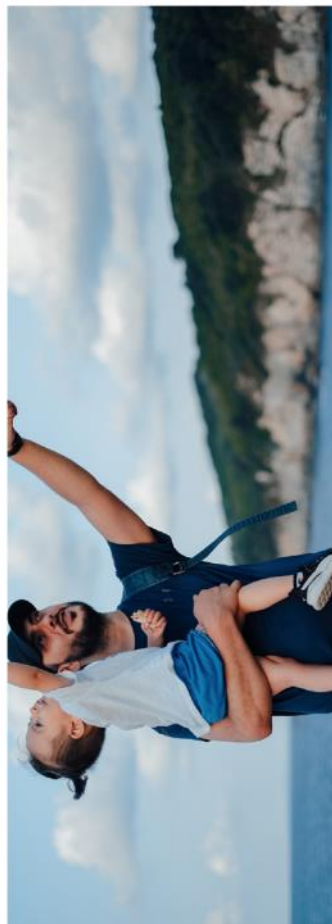
Yours in reading and learning

Sophie Callcott & Anda Banikos





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Dad Chat with Tony Vallance - Dad, Teacher and Counsellor

Communities For Children Frankston Community Workshop Series is designed for local parents/carers, volunteers and staff working or living with children, who are seeking information and practical strategies.

Facilitated by Tony Vallance from Building Better Brains

This practical presentation is all about Dad stuff!

It's suitable for Dads, Stepdads, Carers, Granddads or those working with or wanting to support Dads.

Uncover fun and engaging ways to communicate, play and connect with your children.

The free, online workshop will cover:

- Various parenting styles and supporting you to find out what works best for you
- Ways to feel more confident in your Dad decisions
- How to respond to the needs of your children with presence and patience.

DATE: Thursday 7th August 2025

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

WHERE: Online event via Zoom webinar

SCAN TO REGISTER:



For questions contact Sally McIntyre at cfc_southern@anglicarevic.org.au



CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. See www.dss.gov.au for more information.

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South Gippsland Go Girls Program 2025



Women Helping Women

Do you want to feel empowered?

Do you want to take control of your future?

Together, with your new friends, let's discover your dreams

You can be part of a fully funded, women's only program based in Bass Coast/South Gippsland area

All meals and transport are provided

In a safe environment, explore your future and plan ahead

Women of all ages are welcome

Information Session: Friday, August 29th 2025

Wonthaggi Library at 10:00AM & 1:30PM

Murray St, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

To find out more or to register for the program call or email:

Michelle Maughan on 0401 993 541 | michelle@gogirls.org.au

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FREE PROGRAM

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ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK PROGRAM

MONDAYS 5:30PM

5 WEEKS | AGES 7 - 12


WONTHAGGI REC RESERVE | AUG 4TH

FREE PROGRAM TO START YOUR JOURNEY TO U12s IN 2026

DISCOUNT CODE: D7DC485C FOR 100% DISCOUNT

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FUN, SAFE & EXCITING SURF LESSONS FOR KIDS AGED 5-12

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 4 x 2-hour Surf Lessons
- Qualified, Friendly Coaches
- All Equipment Provided (surfboards, wetsuits, rash vests)
- Ocean Safety & Beach Awareness
- Progress Certificate & Take-Home Pack

JOIN THE SURFING ADVENTURE!

Looking for an awesome way to get your child active, confident and connected to the ocean?

WEEKLY PROGRAMS THROUGH TERM 4 AND TERM 1

WEEK-LONG INTENSIVE PROGRAMS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

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Or visit our website www.offshoresurfschool.com.au

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TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM ORDER SHEET

DUE DATE FOR ORDERS

Monday 4th August

Samples of uniforms are available in the office.

Payment in full must be received before uniforms can be taken

FAMILY NAME:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	TOTAL QTY	TOTAL COST
		4	6	8	10	12	14	16			
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve with logo	\$ 25.00										
Top - Windcheater with logo	\$ 21.00										
Top - Microfibre Sports Jacket with logo	\$ 38.00										
Top - Polar Fleece Jacket with logo	\$ 30.00										
Dress - Blue Checked	\$ 21.00										
Shorts - Microfibre	\$ 14.00										
Shorts - Mesh	\$ 12.00										
Shorts - Cargo	\$ 19.00										
Skort	\$ 21.00										
Pants - Cargo	\$ 23.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
School Beanies	\$ 16.00										
Hat - Cargo (Slouch) S / M / L	\$ 10.00										

		SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	SIZE Sml	SIZE Med	SIZE Lge	SIZE	SIZE		
Grade 6 Polo Shirts	\$45.00										
TOTAL											\$
OFFICE USE:		TAKEN	PAID	CASH	D/D	C/C	C21 ent	C21 rcpt			

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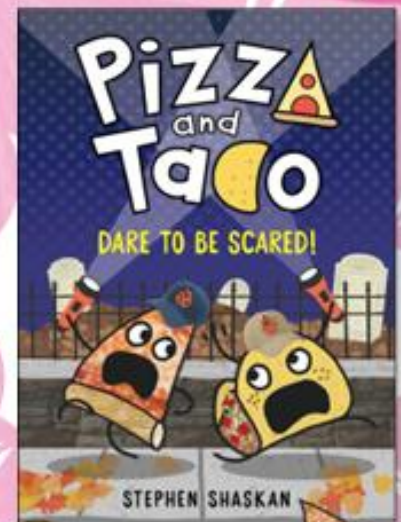
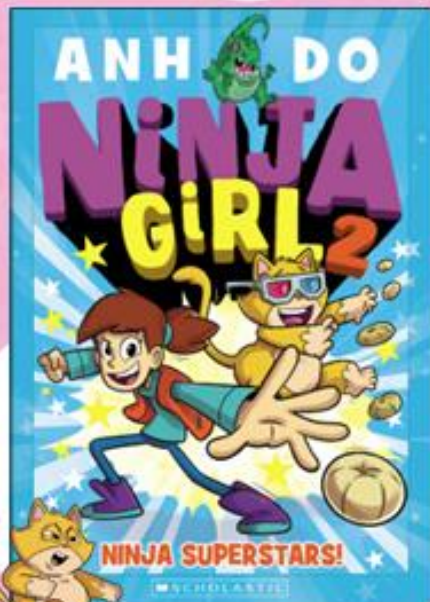
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You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair



Date 5th - 14th August

Time Tue - Thu - All Day

Place Tarwin Lower Primary School

Mon & Fri - before/after school

Find these
books and
more at
the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



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