

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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

**2.30 dismissal this Friday.**

**Please adjust you bus stop pick up times to be 50 minutes earlier.**

## Community Open Afternoon

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Community Open Afternoon. It was great to hang out with our current families and families looking to enrol their children here in the future.

A big thanks goes out to Claire, Mrs Wright and the Kitchen Garden team for making up the scones and pumpkin soup from produce harvested from our garden.

I think the afternoon highlighted what a fantastic community of friendly people Tarwin Lower has and provided us with a forum to celebrate the great results Tarwin Lower Primary School students are achieving both socially and academically on a day-to-day basis.

As a principal I am super proud of all our staff for the care and dedication they put in each day, and we are lucky to have them.

## Calm Kids Central

Calm Kids Central is a fantastic resource for schools and families supporting children with emotional or social challenges. 10-30% of primary aged children have more intense mental, emotional, social or life challenges compared to the average child.

The purpose of this resource is to support the learning of children with big feelings and challenges to feel more confident, calmer, and more co-operative. If you think this maybe helpful for your child, use the link below and see what they have to offer.

<https://www.calmkidcentral.com/>

## Looking back

Term 2, like all the terms, has been extremely busy and it's no wonder everyone is feeling a little tired and ready to take some time to recharge the batteries.

It's been a pleasure to look over the students reports and see the amazing growth shown in so many areas and there is much to celebrate regarding every student's learning journey.

I wish all our students and families a wonderful two weeks holiday and I can say myself, personally, that I am really looking forward to what term 3 brings and what we can achieve as a team for the remainder of the year.

Little school, big opportunities!

Warm Regards,

Ashton Webster

Acting Principal




**PICTURE PLATES AND  
PAYMENTS ARE DUE IN  
TOMORROW.**

**WE CANNOT CATER FOR  
LATE RETURNS.**

**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



### Smile Squad (Dental Health Van)



The Smile Squad Dental Health Van will be visiting our school soon.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all students in Victorian Government school.

### Consent is required from a parent/guardian for your child to receive dental care.

You can provide consent via:

- The consent form which has been distributed today
- The QR code or URL included in the information sheet in this newsletter.

Please return the consent form or fill in the online form before the end of this term.

### Last Day of Term

On Friday 28th June (the last day of Term 2) JSC will be holding an out of uniform day.

The theme for this will be 'multi-colours'. So students can come dressed in as many different colours as they can. The brighter the better.

As a special treat we are having a movie in the afternoon. Students can bring a rug or an Oodie to stay warm and cosy while watching the movie.

We will also be supplying hot dogs for lunch free of charge. There will be no lunch orders for Venus Bay Store on that day.

We are asking families to supply a donation on the day.

In honour of Colin Chidgey, we will forward all donated money to the Alfred Hospital Lung Unit.



Kindness



Cooperation

### A word from our Chaplain

It has been a busy term and I think most of our students are looking forward to the school holidays.

If you need some groceries, please contact Sue or Lindy ASAP and we will organize a pick up time with you.

We can provide, free of charge to financially struggling families, the following items - honey , vegemite, milk, cereal, tuna and rice meals, soup, spaghetti, bread and two fruits.

Some of our students finished their colouring books this term and were awarded a prize. Please see photos attached.

As always, please contact me via the school if I can support you or your family.

Enjoy the school holidays.

Kind regards, Sue



### Happy Birthday

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

- **Scarlett**
- **Adalyn**



Resilience

Respect



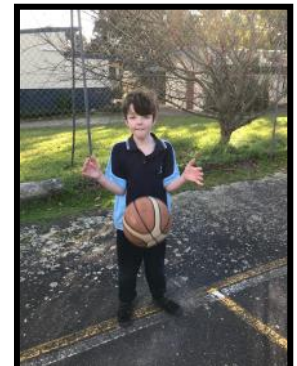
## 2024- DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 26th June	Reports available - paper and on Compass
Friday 28th June	Last Day of Term 2
Friday 28th June	<b>Multi-coloured dress up day. Gold Coin Donation. Free hot dogs.</b>
Monday 15th July	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 17th July	NAIDOC excursion to Foster Secondary College
Tuesday 6th August	School Council - 4.00pm @ school
Tuesday 6th - 20th August	<b>BOOKFAIR IS HERE !!!</b>
Tuesday 3rd September	School Council - 4.00pm @ school



### Our busy little gardeners!

### Great sunny afternoon for some ball skills and stretching exercises



Well done to these superstars who received an award certificate for including others.

#### Account Name:

**Tarwin Lower Primary School Council Operating Account**

**BSB: 063000**

**ACC: 14191631**





### Smile Squad is on the way to our school!

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad is coming to Tarwin Lower Primary School to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit Tarwin Lower Primary School in Term 3 to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

### What do you need to do?

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Although the engagement of parents/guardians is encouraged, in Victoria, students who are considered 'mature minors' may provide consent for their own dental care. To be considered a mature minor, the Smile Squad clinician must be satisfied that the student has sufficient understanding of the risks, benefits, and possible complications of their condition and proposed treatment to give informed consent.

The Smile Squad team will check the student's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If the student needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will discuss this and seek consent.

Please complete and submit the consent form by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024** to make sure your child/children can be seen.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

### Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)



# GIPPSLAND GENERALIST COUNSELLING

Inner Gippsland

# Uniting

GPHN Counselling program acknowledges funding through Gippsland Primary Health Network and from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging

Our **FREE** generalist counselling services offer support to talk through your worries and work towards your goals.

We work with you to draw on your own resources, resolve problems and explore options to make life choices clearer for you.

Generalist counselling can help with;

- Anxiety and depression management
- Communicate more effectively
- Enhance self esteem and goal development
- Behavioural changes
- Find alternative coping strategies for stress
- Take control of your life
- Provide a safe, non-judgmental space.

Who can access the service?

We are a **FREE**, not-for-profit organisation with experienced, male and female counsellors, who can see adults and children above the age of 5 years old.

Locations

• 3 Church St, Leongatha 3953

• 25-27 Rintoull, Morwell 3840

Get in Touch

T (03) 5662 5150

E [gippsland.counselling@vt.uniting.org](mailto:gippsland.counselling@vt.uniting.org)  
[unitingvictas.org.au](http://unitingvictas.org.au)

Why come to counselling?

Our services aims to provide counselling to young people and adults with concerns or issues relating to;

- Depression and/or anxiety
- Grief and loss
- Family relationships
- Separation
- Stress
- Family violence
- School or work related issues
- Parenting
- Bullying
- Gambling issues
- Drug and/or alcohol use

## Free and confidential counselling

How to access the service?

- Individuals/couples/families can self- refer to our counselling service by contacting 03 5662 5150
- Referrals can also be made by GPs, mental health practitioner or any other supporting organisations by phoning 03 5662 5150 or by email [gippsland.counselling@vt.uniting.org](mailto:gippsland.counselling@vt.uniting.org)
- Appointments can be made at our Leongatha or Morwell office
- Appointments can be face to face, via phone or telehealth