

# NEWSLETTER



Tarwin Lower Primary School

6th of March 2026

Issue #3

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Our School Review will take place on **Monday 16th March from 8:00am to 4:30pm**. All schools participate in a formal review every four years as part of the Department's commitment to continuous improvement and accountability.

The purpose of a school review is to examine a range of data in order to develop a shared understanding of our current student learning and wellbeing outcomes. It allows us to reflect on our practices, identify areas of strength, and determine where further investigation or improvement may be needed.

Throughout the day, the review panel will engage in classroom observations in Literacy and Mathematics. These observations focus on areas such as consistency of practice across classrooms, alignment with our instructional model, and ensuring we maintain a safe, orderly and supportive learning environment for all students.

Student voice is an important part of the process. Student focus groups will be conducted to ensure we hear directly from our learners about their experiences at school. Later in the day, a parent focus group will take place, with discussion centred on educational outcomes and school improvement. If you are approached to participate in a conversation or focus group on the day, this is part of the review process.

All of the information gathered – including data analysis, observations and feedback – contributes to the development of our four-year School Strategic Plan. This strategic plan sets the key directions and priorities for our school. It then informs our Annual Implementation Plan, which is developed each year to outline the specific actions we will take to achieve our goals.

The School Review is a valuable opportunity to celebrate our achievements and ensure we are continually improving outcomes for every student. We look forward to engaging positively in the process.

*Jen Cox*

### TOP NEWS

\* Waratah Athletics for Years 3–6 at Foster Secondary College. Please give consent in Compass

\* Mitch Tambo Incursion at the end of the term. Please give consent on Compass and pay (CSEF is available for some families)

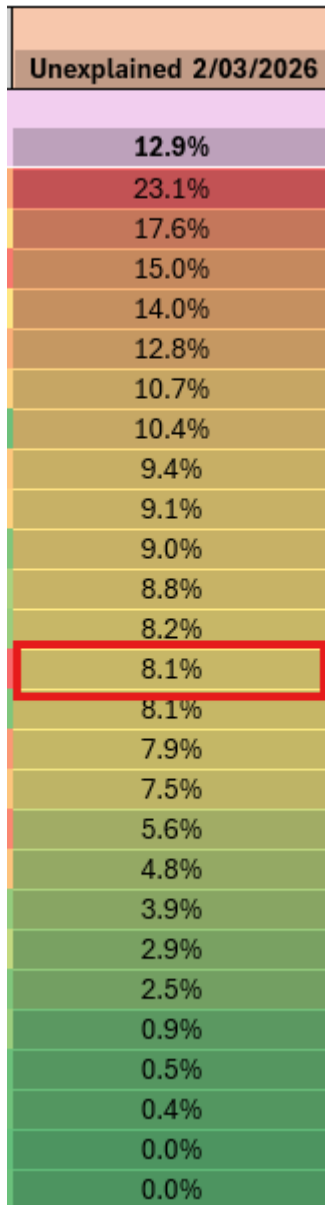
\* No school Monday due to Labour Day

\* Preps first Wednesday on the 11th March

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday 6th March	Colour Run Fundraiser @2.30pm
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11th March	NAPLAN writing- Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 11th March	Preps first Wednesday
Wednesday 11th March	Years 1-6 swimming lessons
Thursday 12th March	NAPLAN reading- Years 3 and 5
Friday 13th March	NAPLAN language conventions- Years 3 and 5
Monday 16th March	NAPLAN maths- Years 3 and 5
Monday 16th March	School Review
Monday 16th March	IEP meetings in the last 3 weeks of school
Tuesday 17th March	School Council @4pm
Friday 20th March	Waratah Athletics- Years 3-6
Tuesday 24th March	Possible Industrial Action - some classes may not run. Families will be informed as the information becomes known.
Friday 27th March	Glasses for Kids Years P-2
Tuesday 31st March	Mitch Tambo Incursion \$15ps
Wednesday 1st April	District Athletics Years 3-6 for selected students
Thursday 2nd April	Last day of Term 1- 2.20pm finish
Monday 20th April	First day of Term 2

## Unexplained Absences



This is how our school is tracking with Unexplained Absences so far this year. This is a network priority and above is all the schools - we are sitting in the middle.

Please ensure you give a reason for your child's absence on Compass. We will continue to phone families on the day if your child is absent and no reason is given.

Letters will again be sent out at the end of term. I know we can do better!

## School Council Elections

Congratulations to the following people in their successful nomination for a 2 year period on the school council.

- Kelvin Goodes
- Chrissy Knox
- Vanessa Fisher
- Kate Starke

## School Pick Up

Reminder to families that if another adult is picking up your child, please contact the school to let us know.

We are unable to allow students to go with other members of the public without permission. We have a duty of care to ensure that they are safe.

## Waratah Athletics

On **Friday 20th March**, our Year 3-6 students will be participating in the Waratah Athletics Carnival at Foster Secondary College. This is always a fantastic day of competition, teamwork and school spirit.

Students will be competing against their peers from Fish Creek Primary School and Meeniyan Primary School. The top six students in each event will be selected to represent the Waratah District at the District Sports, which will be held on **Wednesday 1st April**, also at Foster Secondary College.

A running sheet outlining the schedule of events for the day will be distributed as soon as it becomes available.

We will be running our school bus to and from the venue, \$3 per student. Please contact the school if you would like your child to travel by bus. Alternatively, families are welcome to transport their child to and from the event themselves. Many parents choose to stay for the day to support the students, and your encouragement is always greatly appreciated.

We wish all of our students the very best as they prepare for this exciting event!

## Colour Run

All volunteers must be inducted at the office and present their WWCC card before undertaking any volunteer role, including the Colour Run.

One the day, students need to bring a white or light coloured t-shirt and old shoes, as they will get stained. If the student is catching the bus home, they will also need a towel to sit on. Some students have already been busy collecting money and returning it to the school! Well done!

Remember the sausage sizzle for students lunch on the day too.

### **Magazines for art**

The art room is collecting used magazines for upcoming projects. If you have any you no longer need, could you please send them to school with your child.

### **Somers Camp**

Years 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to attend Somers Camp with students across south and west Gippsland.

From Wednesday 4th November to Thursday 12th November for \$350. We are currently seeking expressions of interest. Please note, this does not confirm attendance, as it is dependent on how many places we are offered.

### **District Swimming Trials**

Congratulations to Tahlia in Year 5 for progressing into the District Swimming Trials recently in Korumburra. She represented Waratah District in the 9/10 relay team. They unfortunately did not make it to the next round, but enjoyed representing our school and area.

Well done Tahlia!



### **Curriculum Contributions**

Curriculum Contributions can now be paid through Compass (also known as Course Contributions). Apologies for the delay as we had some set up hiccups. Of course you can still pay these via direct deposit into the school account or cash.

The suggested amount is \$160.00 per student and there is a \$40.00 voluntary contribution which goes towards grounds maintenance if you wish to contribute.

### **Glasses for Kids**

Year Prep – 3 students have an opportunity to have a free eye test and possibly glasses. Don't forget to fill in the form or complete the form online.

### **Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund**

See flyer further in the newsletter. CSEF is available to families with a Centrelink Card. This year the amount paid has increased to \$400 per child. As the name implies, this money can be spent on Camps, Sports & Excursions. If all of your money is not spent, it can accumulate in your school account. If you change schools to another Victorian school, the leftover money will be sent to the new school.

Application forms are available at the office. Please see Lindy on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### **Final swimming lesson**

Our final swimming lesson for students in Grades 1–6 will be held on Wednesday, 11th of March. As part of this session, students will take part in an important water safety lesson. For this activity, please send your child dressed in their bathers with a set of old clothes or old pyjamas to wear over the top, please make sure this clothing is not too heavy. These clothes will get wet, so please ensure they are items you do not mind becoming faded or worn.

### **Book Club**

Book club catalogues were sent home on Tuesday the 3rd of March. If you would like to make a purchase can you please make sure it is returned to the school office by the 13th of March.



# 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Program

Free live ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 - 12 years

**Tired of yelling  
and nagging?**

**Resolve difficult  
behaviour in children  
aged 2 to 12 years**

In 3 sessions parents will learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to handle challenging behaviours
- How to use emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- Strengthen your relationship with your child
- Improve your child's emotional resilience

On full completion of all 3 sessions parents will receive:

- A FREE workbook (valued at \$12) to apply the concepts learnt
- A Certificate of Completion

*"Do this wonderful  
evidence-based program  
online & live from the  
comfort of your own  
home"*

**HURRY!**

**Applications close**

**by 12pm**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**WHEN?**

**Over 3 Tuesdays:**

Session 1: **Mar 10**

Session 2: **Mar 17**

Session 3: **Mar 24 2026**

**10am – 1pm**

**COST?**

**FREE - but bookings are essential!**

**TO BOOK YOUR SPOT**

**PLEASE CONTACT**

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LETS START 2026  
WITH A  
**COLOUR  
RUN**

**MARCH 6TH | 2.30PM**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd prize rewards for the classes who raise the most funds, as well as a single prize for the Grand Champion fundraising individual**

**Donations can be accepted at the office or via trybooking event page.**

**If you would like to assist with making this event happen, please leave your name with the office.**

