

# Tarwin Lower Primary

## Mini Newsletter

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Small School, Big Opportunities

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Dear Families,

Please note the following information:

### **This is the latest information we have received from DET**

#### **Vaccination requirements for parents and carers attending schools**

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.

when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

External providers who use or hire school facilities outside of school hours must ensure that use aligns with the Open Premises Directions including vaccination requirements.

# Reminders

- ★ Permission forms and medical forms are due in **asap** for Forest Lodge Camp. We need to give them exact numbers very soon. Please also make sure that staff are aware of any dietary requirements for your child asap. Full payment for camp must be received by **Wednesday 24th November**.
- ★ Please note: If your child requires medication to be administered at camp, it must be handed to the teacher in charge, along with a doctor's letter describing dosage and times.
- ★ Christmas is coming around very quickly. It is our tradition that Santa comes to school on the fire truck and he brings each child a book (and siblings as well!). The books are supplied by each child's parent and need to be dropped off at the office wrapped and clearly labelled. Our last Scholastic Book Club for the year will arrive very soon. This is a fantastic and easy way of getting books for Santa. Just let Lindy know if the books are meant as a gift and she will keep them aside for you. Books can be dropped off at any time.



## Support for your kids to get active

Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities.

As children return to sport over the coming months, the Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps [eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities](#).

Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment.

The program also provides a special consideration stream to support children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.

Applications for vouchers in round three of the program close at 5pm Tuesday 30 November.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the [Get Active Victoria website](#).



# Media Release

**The Hon James Merlino MP**  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Mental Health  
Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers



Friday, 5 November 2021

## MORE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting more schools to establish outside school hours care services, helping more parents and carers to get into the workforce while ensuring their children are cared for.

Minister for Education James Merlino today announced 145 school sites will share in almost \$10.7 million to establish a new outside school hours care service at their school from the beginning of 2022.

These schools will receive up to \$75,000 per year over the next three years for their outside school hours care services – helping to establish new services and cover the cost of resources or equipment, setup and administration, facility upgrades, small service viability and transport.

These grants will increase the number of schools providing outside school hours care by 5.8 per cent in Melbourne and 42.9 per cent in regional Victoria.

This is the second round of grants to be awarded under an \$81.7 million investment in the *Victorian Budget 2020/21*, supporting the establishment of up to 400 new outside school hours care services at government schools.

The first round allocated \$4.1 million in grants to 53 schools earlier this year, with another two rounds to follow in 2022 and 2023.

By creating more outside school hours care services, the Labor Government is supporting more parents and carers to get back to work, study, training or as Victoria begins to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Education James Merlino

*“Those two hours after school finishes each day shouldn’t be a barrier for parents or carers getting back into work or study once their children are at school – we’re investing to ensure our kids are cared for when families need it.”*

*“This support will make an outside school hours facility viable for many of our state’s smaller schools – and it will mean so much to busy working families across the state.”*