

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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## Principal's Report

School is back tomorrow!

Personally, I would like to thank each of our families for the way they have conducted themselves during this period of Remote and Flexible Learning. As a Principal, I did not receive any complaints or negative attitudes towards the snap lockdown. This is a great reflection of the resilience and flexibility of the Tarwin Lower community.

The school and home partnership is vitally important in student learning. We see Remote and Flexible Learning as a great way to connect with home and build understanding of how we can best work together to assist our little learners at home, at school and in the wider community. We aim to be open to communication as much as possible to assist as much as we can during these periods especially.

As a school we are striving to prepare students for any future periods of Remote and Flexible Learning. Over the coming weeks, we will familiarise students with the learning programs that will be used during these periods. We hope to be prepared so students are able to transition quickly and not lose valuable learning time. Student passwords will be sent to families on a one page document, which should help parents and students to find everything they need in one place.

The staff are looking forward to discussing each individual students learning at Parent Teacher Interview evening, which has been changed to Tuesday, 23rd of February. Please book in on Compass or contact Lindy if there are any problems finding a time.

We would like to welcome our new School Chaplain, Sue Cronk to the Tarwin Lower community. Sue comes with a wealth of local chaplaincy experience after spending her last posting at Wonthaggi North Primary School. Sue will be an asset to the school and will provide much needed support to students, parents and staff, during these turbulent times of potential lockdown. Sue will be attending school on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the semester. Please make her feel welcome.

Tarwin Lower Primary is also excited to host a Family Picnic Evening on the 3rd of March. This event will take the place of the usual whole school BBQ. The Department of Education guidelines still suggest the sharing of food should be avoided. We hope, by bringing food for your own family and having the evening outside, we will be able to celebrate the start of the school year together. It will be great to reconnect with families and meet all the new faces who are starting at TLPS!

Finally, congratulations and good luck to Georgie and Aedan who will be competing in the District Swimming Sports on Monday.

See you all back at school on Thursday!



Warm Regards,

Greg Eddy

Acting Principal



## Curriculum Day

On Wednesday 24th February, staff will be participating in a full day professional development day at Toora with the rest of the schools in our cluster. **Students will not be required to attend school on this day.**

## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund(CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students.

If you have previously applied for CSEF with Tarwin Lower Primary School, you do not need to re-apply as your application will roll-over provided your card is still valid. If you have received a Centrelink Concession Card during last year or early this year, please see Lindy in the office to apply for CSEF.

## Attendance

At Tarwin Lower Primary School we believe that attendance at school is vital for student learning.

Students who miss learning find catching up very difficult.

If students miss out on three weeks of school per year, that is half a year of school by the end of Year 6.

Unexplained absence letters will be sent home fortnightly. To avoid receiving these, please notify the school when your child is absent. You can notify us on Compass, make a phone call or send in a note.

## Don't forget your hat!

We are a Sun Smart school, therefore all students and staff are to wear a hat when outside. The hot days and bushfires are a stark reminder of how important it is to protect our skin from sunburn. Students need a plain navy blue, broad brimmed hat in Term 1 and Term 4. These can be bought from the school for \$9.00 each, or any shop in town. If students do not have a hat, they will be asked to play on the big deck or the rotunda .

## School Photos

School Photos will be taken on **Thursday 25th February**. Order envelopes have been distributed.



If you misplace your envelope, spares are available in the office.

Full school uniform is required.

Please complete the envelope, enclose your payment and send in to school. We need to have all envelopes back by photo day. If you have not returned your envelope, your child will still have their photo taken but you will have to arrange with the photographer directly to make payment and receive photos.

PLEASE NOTE: do not make any direct deposit payments to the school for photos. Payments are made to the photographer only - cash or credit card slip payment.

## Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our conferences have been rescheduled due to the lockdown. They will now be held on Tuesday 23rd February from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. The conferences are for 10 minutes each and are a chance to discuss the year ahead with your child's new teacher.

Please book on Compass.

If these times do not suit, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time. If you need assistance with booking interviews, please contact the Office on 5663 5263.

Compass is both web-based and available as an app. Through Compass you can enter explanations for absences and view your child's progress as comments are posted fortnightly.

## School Council

Our School Council Meeting has been rescheduled due to the lockdown. It will now be Tuesday 23rd February @ 6.00pm in the school staffroom.

Tate's chook followed him to school one day.....





## Dates to Remember

Tuesday 23rd February	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday 23rd February	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - 6PM
Wednesday 24th February	CURRICULUM DAY - NO STUDENTS REQUIRED @ SCHOOL
Thursday 25th February	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 3rd March	PREPS REST DAY
Wednesday 3rd March	Family Picnic Evening from 5.30pm BYO picnic. All invited
Monday 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th March	First Wednesday for Preps to attend
Tuesday 16th March	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING & AGM - 6PM
Thursday 1st April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 19th April	First Day of Term 2

## Medication

Following our Administration of Medication policy, which is guided by the Education Department, staff are not allowed to give students any medication unless there is a letter from the doctor. Having medication with the prescription attached, is also included in this. We also cannot give cough medication, hay fever tablets, eye drops, panadol etc, unless there is a letter from the doctor.

Therefore, when your child receives their prescription, please also ask the doctor to write a letter for the school.

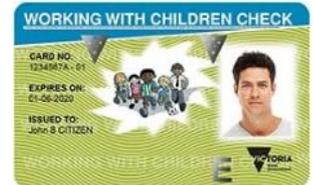
This also includes when the school has camps and excursions – you can no longer give the teacher in charge the medication, unless there is a letter from the doctor.

## Breakfast Program

Are you available one morning a week to serve breakfast to our students? This takes less than an hour of your time. The necessity of breakfast to growing minds is very important and gives them the best start to the day. Please let us know if you are able to help.

## Working with Children Check

All parents and friends who wish to volunteer at our school need to have a Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is an Education Department requirement, and part of our schools Child Safe Policy passed by School Council.



To apply for the card go the WWCC website:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

complete the form, print it out and take to the nearest large post office (not Tarwin Lower) with suitable ID. A photo will be taken at the Post Office. There is no charge for volunteers.

All volunteers also need to be inducted every year, so please arrive earlier on the first day so we can go through OHS and Child Safe policies.

## School Bank Details

ACC NAME: Tarwin Lower Primary School  
BSB: 633108  
ACC: 151500626



## Bread Tags

Remember to continue to collect your bread tags this year.



# TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



# DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE

A popular game during hot weather



# TRYING OUT THE NEW BACKBOARDS





# Tarwin Valley MARC

Term 1, 2021

Fish Creek—Meeniyan—Tarwin Lower—Toora—Welshpool

## MARC Library News

### WELCOME BACK TO 2021!

Our school year started on a positive and visibly happy note. As always, we, as MARC Library teachers, were swept up in this lovely feeling and we anticipate a year of planned teaching and learning opportunities wrapped up and delivered using the many wonderful books we have on the shelves of the MARC Library.

Learning sessions began with 'getting to know each other' either again or, as in the case of 'new' students, saying hello for the first time. Our first sessions also included discussions of expected behaviours during MARC Library lessons. After noting many 'things we must not do' students concluded that sensible behaviour, respect and active learning by all are what we will adhere to during MARC learning sessions.

In weeks 3, 4 and 5 junior grades will focus on books that are songs, such as 'There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly'. Middle year students will study the author, David Walliams' authorial techniques as he combines humour and imagination to engage his readers. We will read several of his titles including "The World's Worst Children". Senior students will be exposed to the amazingly illustrated and thought provoking books written by the author, Shaun Tan. These books should cause us all to wonder, question and either like or dislike an author's way of viewing through the focus of a planned storyline, seemingly ordinary events and objects.

In week 6, in celebration of his birthday, we will, for many students, revisit the quirkiness and accompanying wisdom of Dr Seuss as we explore some of his stories across all grades. Weeks 7 and 9 will provide time to enjoy and delve into new books. Week 8 will encompass a focussed teaching session on parts of a book and revisiting and consolidating an understanding of the Dewey decimal system with the older students. Finally, we will finish off the term in Week 10 with a story and task about Easter.

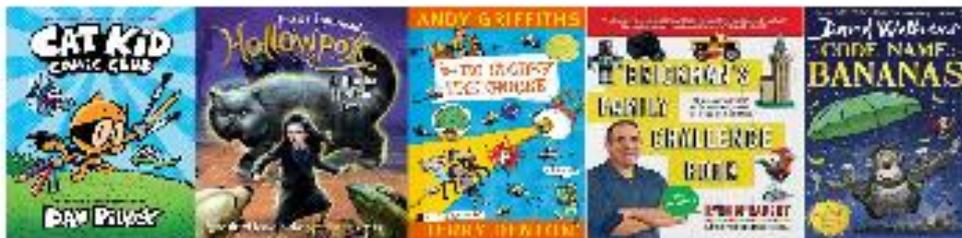
Yours in reading and learning,

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott.

### New books in the van available to borrow now

We have lots of beautiful new picture books, fiction and non-fiction titles beginning to arrive in the MARC library in 2021. This year we are also planning to continue expanding our collection of graphic novels which are very popular among students.

Students are able to borrow up to two books at a time and can keep books for two weeks, with the option to renew after that. To help students and families locate books to return to school, please note that our books all have the name 'Tarwin Valley MARC' on the front cover, as well as a large green fluoro dot on the spine. We encourage all students to borrow from the van each week.



### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2021 the MARC van will be at:  
Meeniyan PS on Monday  
Welshpool PS on Tuesday  
Tarwin Lower PS on Wednesday  
Toora PS on Thursday  
Fish Creek PS on Friday

Remember to return your books on these days so you can borrow!



Jeanette Johnson Sophie Callcott





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## MEENIYAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Commences Wednesday 17th February & Friday 19th February 2021.

Wednesdays from 3.30pm Aussie Hoops 5-7 yo (Possible 2 times/groups), Mini's from 4:15 or 5pm (TBC) 7-9 yo. Friday's from 4:30pm Intermediate's 9-12yo, Youth from 5:45pm or 6:30pm (TBC) 12-15yo.

Basketball Vic Insurance/Rego applies plus fees (\$50 new players & \$25 for last years players that had there season cut short) Registration must be completed by 11th Feb to confirm that you are playing. NO players will be accepted after this date.

Please see our Facebook page (Meeniyan Basketball Association) for further details and Registration information. If no Facebook please call Kim Byrnes on 0427346048.



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

Free ONLINE program for parents of children aged 2 to 12 years

### Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 to 12.

#### In 6 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;
- Strategies for encouraging good behaviour;
- How to sort behaviours and choose correct strategies using "The 3 Choices Model".

We'll also work on strategies so you can:

- Strengthen your relationship with your child;
- Strengthen your child's emotional resilience.

#### Parents will receive:

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

**Do this highly sought after parenting program FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME -Hurry! Places are limited-**

#### Where?

Live online delivery (Please contact for details)

#### When?

12:00pm - 2:30pm for 6 x Thursdays, starting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Cost?

FREE

**Get in touch Bookings are essential!**

Please contact:

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M: 0438 204 437  
E: [mark.brookes@vt.uniting.org](mailto:mark.brookes@vt.uniting.org)

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## Tarwin Lower Playgroup

Playgroup is a fun and nurturing environment, which provides a place for children to have new experiences and opportunities to play, socialise and discover their world.

**Every Friday of the School Term**  
9am - 11am  
at Tarwin Lower Primary School

**WHERE YOUR CHILD CAN PLAY AND LEARN**

This is a South Gippsland Shire Supported Playgroup. Call Michelle for more information in 0417 388 911 or 56629300





## Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
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- books & supplies
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)\*, have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*



Contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator  
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\*Many types of income and Carerlink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.  
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# TARWIN SHARKS JUNIOR FOOTBALL



Season 2021 is fast approaching!!

Here at Tarwin we are very excited to welcome back our 3 Junior coaches once again in what will be a great year.

We would like to welcome back all our past players and invite any of your friends and family to come join. Lets help fill our teams up and share this around to make it a great season.

**Training will be commencing on the following dates:**

**Under 15's** Wednesday 17th February @ 5pm

(under 13's welcome to join)

**Under 13's & Under 11's** Thursday 4th March @ 5pm



## Coaches

**U11's** Brian Launder 0427503707

**U13's** Travis Cameron 0487148644

**U15's** Tim Bright 0428634224

**Junior Football Operations Manager**

Jason McRae 0409977347