

NEWSLETTER



Tarwin Lower Primary School

15th May 2026

Issue #7

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Thank You to Our Classroom Education Support Staff

Education Support Staff in classroom support roles have a significant impact on the achievement, engagement and wellbeing outcomes of all students, including those with additional needs. They play an important role in strengthening an inclusive school culture and creating a positive environment for learning.

At our school, we are fortunate to have three dedicated Education Support staff members – Narelle, Demi and Bayley. They work tirelessly across all classrooms to support student learning and wellbeing. They hold high expectations for all students, helping to promote positive growth in achievement, confidence, engagement and participation.

Our ES staff work closely with classroom teachers, meeting regularly to plan collaboratively and support teacher-led learning programs. Their teamwork and commitment ensure that students receive the support they need to succeed.

In addition to classroom support, our ES staff provide a range of targeted small-group programs and interventions, including:

- Literacy support
- Numeracy support
- Speech therapy assistance
- Handwriting intervention
- Lego therapy

Their roles also extend far beyond the classroom and include supporting first aid, preparing the newsletter, assisting in the library, and organising recess and lunchtime activities and games for students.

Thank you to Narelle, Demi and Bayley for your care, patience, encouragement and dedication you show each and every day. Your support makes a positive impact and meaningful difference in classrooms to our students. Quite simply, our school would be lost without you. Thank you for everything you do - today and every day.



Jen Cox

TOP NEWS

Attitudes to School Survey for Years 4/5/6 - information is now available in Newsfeed on Compass.

DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 2

Thursday 21st May	Cross Country for eligible students
Friday 22nd May	Winter Sports Training Tryouts – Years 5/6
Friday 29th May	Maths Compass Comment / Newsletter
Friday 29th May	Winter Sports Training Tryouts – Years 5/6
Thursday 4th May	Melbourne Arts Excursion – Years 2-6 (no cost)
Monday 8th June	Kings Birthday – No school
Tuesday 9th June	School Council @4pm
Friday 19th June	Winter Sports Play Off – Years 5/6
Thursday 25th June	Division Winter Sports
Friday 26th June	Last day of Term 2 – 2.20pm finish
Monday 13th July	First day of Term 3

Unexplained Absences – Third Highest in South Gippsland

Good work everyone – we have gone down to third place. The two schools above us are secondary schools. We are the highest ranked primary school for unexplained absences. Please update Compass. Phone calls home will continue. With your support we can continue to drop down the rankings.

School Network	School Name	SEIL	(day 2 feb 26)	Unexplained 27/4/2026
South Gippsland Total				6.6%
[Redacted]				16.0%
South Gippsland	Tarwin Lower Primary School	Robert Juratowitch	43.8	8.8%
[Redacted]				11.9%
[Redacted]				8.2%
[Redacted]				5.2%
[Redacted]				5.1%
[Redacted]				2.1%
[Redacted]				4.0%
[Redacted]				7.7%
[Redacted]				3.3%
[Redacted]				4.1%
[Redacted]				2.6%
[Redacted]				2.1%
[Redacted]				1.0%
[Redacted]				0.4%
[Redacted]				2.7%
[Redacted]				1.9%
[Redacted]				1.8%
[Redacted]				0.9%
[Redacted]				0.1%
[Redacted]				1.2%
[Redacted]				0.3%
[Redacted]				1.3%
[Redacted]				0.6%
[Redacted]				0.1%
[Redacted]				0.0%

Do you have a medium rigid licence ?

Renee Pilkington has had recent surgery and she is also our bus driver This means we are without anyone to drive our bus. Is there any family member who has the correct licence and WWCC, and would be willing to occasionally drive the bus? Please let us know in the office.

Book Fair

Book Fair is now open!
It is until the 26th May.

May Birthdays

Jack 09/05

Indie 10/05

Aria 12/05

Josiah 22/05

Violet R 24/05

Indie 10/05

Mothers Day

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Special Person's Day. It was wonderful to see so many families come together and share such a lovely afternoon with us.

We hope you enjoyed listening to our special song, being pampered, having family photos taken, colouring and drawing with the children, and sitting down for a cuppa and biscuits while sharing meaningful conversations. The smiles, laughter, and special moments made the day truly memorable.

It was a fantastic turnout, and we are so grateful to everyone who attended and helped make the day so special for the children.

We also hope that all our mums and nans had a beautiful and relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday, filled with love and appreciation.



Transition - into Prep and Secondary School 2027

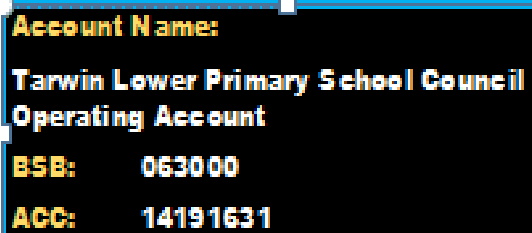
Please follow the links for more information
[Foundation \(Prep\) enrolment information pack for parents and carers](#) - via Compass Newsletter, it is also available at the office and on our website.

Enrolment Applications are open from Monday 20 April to Friday 31 July

School tours are encouraged to be conducted in Term 2.

[Year 6 to 7 placement information pack for parents and carers](#)

School Bank Account Details



Account Name:	Tarwin Lower Primary School Council Operating Account
BSB:	063000
ACC:	14191631