

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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Newsletter No. 1

Dear Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Tarwin Lower Primary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022 school year. Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our many new families. All the teachers are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential.

We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning experience.

Students find it hard to "catch up" with their learning and can disengage with friends and school with frequent absences, as everyone seems to have moved on except them.

We also ask you to be an active participant in your child's reading. Sit next to them and treat this time as a special time when you are fully focused on just them. Listening to them read daily develops a love for reading and it improves literacy skills, to give your child a head start to their learning.

Welcome our new staff member, Ms Jaria Bernaldo who will be teaching the Prep/1 grade. Jaria has a fantastic start to the year, just like her preps, and we welcome her to our school community.

We also welcome Mr Gonzalo Varela our OSHC leader. He already has students booked in

for this week, and as an artist himself, we look forward to the projects he will be doing around the school this year. To book your child in for before or after school care, please go to our website or [click here](#).

We also welcome Ms Sue Cronk, our Chaplain, to our school for each Thursday and Friday. Sue was at our school last year, however her hours have been extended to two days a week, as we appreciate and value all the support she gives to the local community.

It's going to be a jam-packed term full of fun and learning. Don't forget to put the Dates to Remember somewhere safe, so you know what is happening at school.

We have had a brilliant start to the year, and we are looking forward to working with you in 2022.

Warm Regards,

Jennifer Cox

Principal



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Respect



From the office...

Uniforms

Commencing from the start of this year, we will be phasing in some new uniform items. They feature our school logo. Old uniforms can continue to be used this year.

The attached uniform order lists all the uniform items available to order from school. There are also samples of the new uniform items in the office.

Grade 6 shirts are also available to our senior students.

Please note that there is no change to the pants, shorts, skirts and dresses.

If you wish to order uniform items, please fill in the attached list and forward to the office by Friday 17th February.

Payment can be made via direct debit or cash and is due on delivery.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Applications are open for this year's CSEF. If you are the holder of a current Centrelink card you are invited to apply. Application forms are available from the office. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Please note: Previous applicants at this school do not have to re-apply. Their applications will be rolled over into this year.

School Photos

Don't forget to return your school photo envelopes to the office. School photo day is next Tuesday 15th February. Please ensure if you pay with cash that you include correct money as we don't open the envelopes; we hand them straight to the photographer.

If you forget to send in your envelope, the photographer will still do portraits of every child. You will then have to contact him direct to make arrangements to get your photos.



Dental Health Visit

Forms have been sent home for the School Dental Initiative. This is a free dental check for all students. Please fill in the forms and return to the office as soon as possible. The van will be visiting in the week starting on 7th March.

Bookclub

Orders for bookclub close this Friday. Can you please :

Forward your orders and correct payment to the office by the due date

Place your order online through the Scholastic LOOP system. (details are on the catalogue)

Student Enrolment Information Form

These forms have been sent home for parents to look through and update if necessary. Please make sure you carefully check information such as phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts and also your employment details.

Please send these forms back to school (even if there are no changes) so that we can get the most up to date information onto our system.

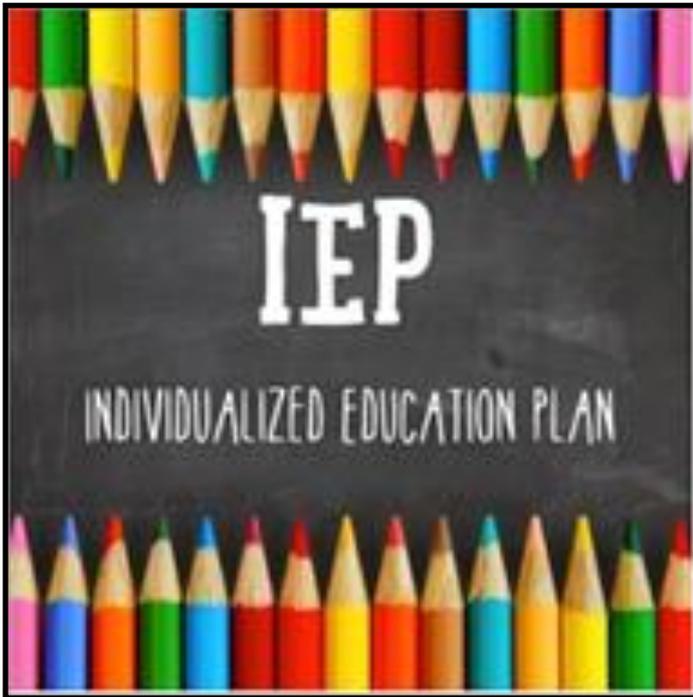
This information is also very important for our student census which occurs at the end of this month.

Swimming

Swimming permission forms will be released onto Compass tomorrow. Swimming begins on 23rd February.

School Bank Details

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



Teachers are currently writing Individualised Education Plans for some students, depending on their needs – whether it be to extend or support them with their learning, to support their wellbeing, or other areas depending on the individual.

All students in the Tutor program will have an IEP, and teachers will be contacting you in a week to meet with you- either on the phone or face to face (proof of vaccination needed). The tutor program begins in week 4 and runs for 9 weeks. At the end of which, the IEP will be revised, and another meeting will occur to discuss the outcomes and the ongoing support within the classroom.

A new round of new students in the tutor program will commence in week 6 of term 2. You will be contacted mid term 2 if your child will be involved.

These will occur on Tuesday 1st March from 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Bookings will be made through Compass soon. We are currently unsure if these meetings will occur face to face or via phone calls – we await advice from DET.

The conference is a great opportunity for teachers and parent/carers to learn from each other. By working as a team both can be better informed about the child in areas such as their strengths, wellbeing, learning, and social development. Together we can have a fuller understanding of the child, which will benefit them both at home and at school.

If you have had an IEP meeting with your child's classroom teacher, you do not need to have another meeting, unless you feel there is a need.

If you are unable to make the Conference evening, please contact your child's classroom teacher via Compass, and another day and time will be arranged which is convenient to you both.



A Word From the Chaplain

Welcome everybody to a new school year.

There is often a sense of expectancy with a new year because it is a fresh page with nothing written on it yet. Like you, I wonder what 2022 will bring. What it will look like I do not know, but I am confident that if we stand together as a school community and continue to support each other, we will be able to successfully charter any turbulent waters.

Of course there will be lots to celebrate together too. The grade 6 graduation and school concert last December was a wonderful example of this. I hear that many of you really enjoyed it and it was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate as a school community.

This is my second year as School Chaplain at Tarwin Lower Primary and I'm looking forward to meeting our new students and parents, as well as continuing to provide pastoral care for the School community (students, families and staff). That may mean simply providing a listening ear during a difficult time or linking you with other support services within the community. I will also be involved in other activities such as breakfast club. Thursday and Friday are my working days this year so if you'd like to chat, please contact me via the school.

Looking forward to greeting you all face to face very soon and introducing myself to those of you who don't know me. I promise I don't bite so please come over and say hello. Sue



ThinkUKnow have produced five top tips for you to prevent online child sexual exploitation. The top tips are drawn from key advice areas including building safe online habits, technology settings, and getting help. These tips apply to parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.

- Have open conversations, often
- The most important tip we can give you is to start talking to your child regularly about their online activities and interactions.
- Supervision is essential
- This means knowing what your child is doing online, who they are interacting with and what platforms, apps or games they are using.
- Be approachable if your child needs help
- Coming forward isn't always easy and your child may feel reluctant to tell you about online issues if they believe they will be punished or have their devices taken away. This also makes children more secretive about device use and at greater risk of exploitation.
- Check privacy settings
- We recommended that you research and understand app settings, including privacy settings. This could include turning off location settings, setting profiles to private, or turning off chat functions.
- Know how to report

If something goes wrong online, it is critical your child is supported. You need to know how to take action and **report**

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

Advice for parents and carers



Online child sexual exploitation can be confronting and not something that you may have considered as an issue that could affect you or your child. The [ACCCE in partnership with ThinkUKnow](#) is involved in many prevention and awareness raising initiatives in relation to keeping young people safe online and reducing the incidence on online child sexual exploitation.

Knowing the challenges and how they can be prevented or managed with the right information will help you take action.

Five top tips



School Captains

Congratulations to our student leadership team for 2022.

School Captains are:
Ashlyn, Raff and Blake



Ms Carbone's Wedding

Congratulations to Ms Freya Carbone on her wedding to Joel Cahir. We hope they have a long and happy future together.



Air Purifiers

During the school holidays the school received 3 air purifiers; one for each classroom.

These are running in each room all day while the students are in school to help minimise the risk of COVID transmission.



Pre-Service Teachers

Welcome to our two pre-service teachers Olivia and Lauren who are on placement with us for 3 weeks. We hope they enjoy their time at TLPS.



Congratulations to our first certificate recipients for 2022!



Please ensure you have logged into Compass. Downloading the app is the most user-friendly way with most phones.

Compass is used for;

- news items
- newsletters
- permission and payment for camps and excursions
- bookings for Family/Teacher Conferences
- learning tasks
- adding Attendance Notes
- end of semester reports

Next week there will be a term letter in Compass from your child's classroom teacher explaining the learning occurring in the classroom, class timetable and other classroom information.

There will also be a Learning Task about your child and their first two weeks of term. Every fortnight a new learning task is uploaded – the second one will be a comment about Reading. We believe keeping families informed of their child's progress is best, as we can work in partnership with families for the benefit of their child.

Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday

- ◆ Tess
- ◆ Maggie
- ◆ Indi
- ◆ Oceana
- ◆ Tristen
- ◆ Rafferty
- ◆ Ms Carbone





Vaccination Information

It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible. Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so.

The [Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children](#). The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): <https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022>

To book an appointment

You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking>

You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before: <https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/>

Helping children to get their vaccination

Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

Find out more about vaccination for kids: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers>

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BASKETBALL

Meeniy Junior basketball for 5-16 year olds will commence Wednesday 23rd Feb (Aussie Hoops) & Friday 25th Feb (Mini's, Intermediate & Youth)

Please complete the Expression of Interest form by 16th Feb for your child/children. (Places are limited) PlayHQ registration will be completed later.

Juniors players from last season have NIL club Fees. New players \$50 plus yearly B'ball VIC Registration fee (if due)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMtmXlUHZEEX6APXsuteRy62jqIXotklV3Psg96TYHlDj8XA/viewform?pli=1>





THE EDUCATION STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

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
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





Term 1 – important dates	
7-25 Feb	Welcome to our Pre-Service Teacher, Lauren Sexton in 4/5/6 and Olivia Simioni in 2/3
Wed 9 Feb	Prep rest day
Tues 15 Feb	School Photos
Wed 16 Feb	Virtual District Swimming
Wed 16 Feb	Prep rest day
Tues 22 Feb	School Council Meeting @6pm
23 Feb- 2 March	School Council Elections
Wed 23 Feb	Prep rest day and prep individual testing
Wed 23 Feb	Swimming Lessons for years 1-6 @SPLASH
Mon 28 Feb	School Review
Tues 1 March	Family / Teacher Conferences – 3:40pm-6:00pm
Wed 2 March	Prep rest day and prep individual testing
Wed 2 March	Swimming Lessons for years 1-6 @SPLASH
Fri 4 March	Clean Up Australia Day
Wed 9 March	Prep rest day
Wed 9 March	Swimming Lessons for years 1-6 @SPLASH
Thurs 10 March	School Review
Mon 14 March	Labour Day Holiday
Wed 16 March	Preps first Wednesday
Wed 16 March	Swimming Lessons for years 1-6 @SPLASH
Tues 22 March	Venus Bay Bug Blitz and Mangrove excursion
Wed 23 March	Swimming Lessons for years 1-6 @SPLASH
Fri 1 April	Waratah Athletics for years 3-6 @Foster
Thur 7 April	District Athletics @Foster
Fri 8 April	Last day of school – finish 2.20pm
School Holidays 9-26 th April	
Mon 25 April	ANZAC Day – no school
Tues 26 April	Curriculum Day – no school
Wed 27 April	First day of Term 2

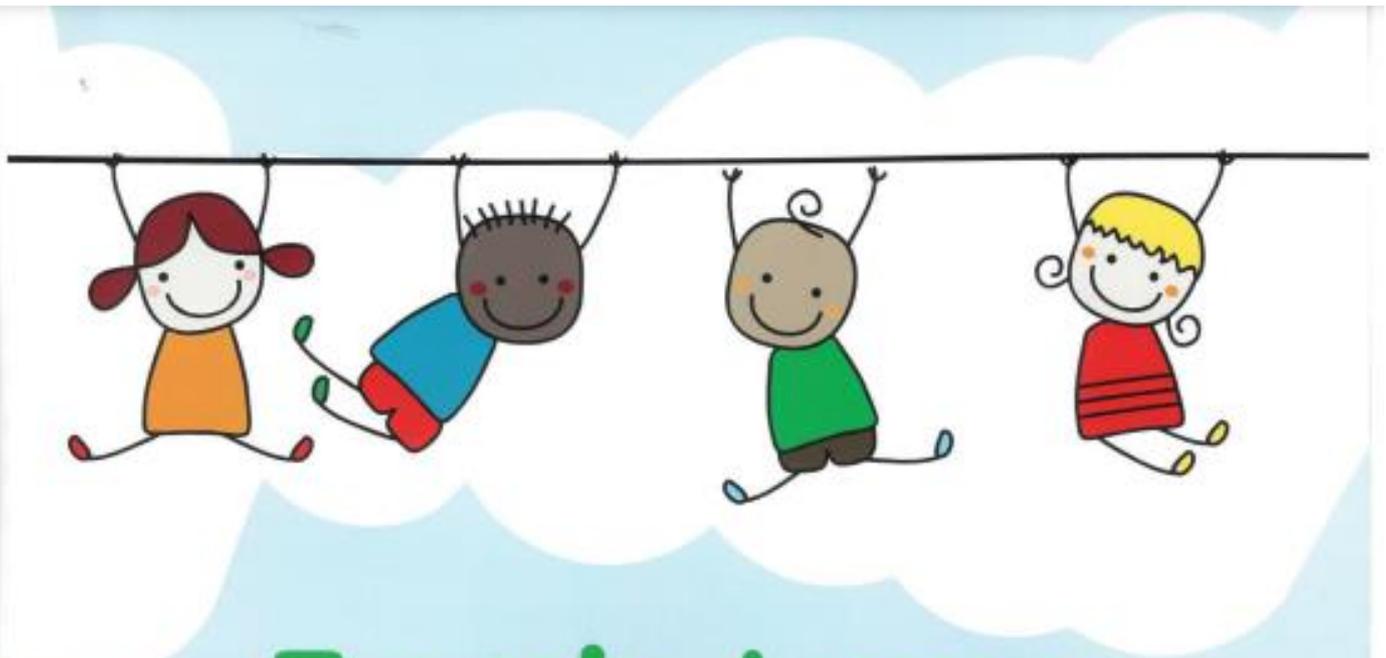


Cooking from the garden





9th February 2022



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



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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SOCCER IN WEST GIPPSLAND?
JOIN US & LEARN MORE AS WE CELEBRATE**



FEMALE FOOTBALL FEBRUARY

**A FUN-FILLED FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL CLUBS
& OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN SOCCER**

★ **Sunday 20 February** ★ **10:00am - 1:00pm**
★ **Baxter Park - 28 King St, Warragul**



⚽ **MEET THE CLUBS**
⚽ **ON PITCH SESSIONS**

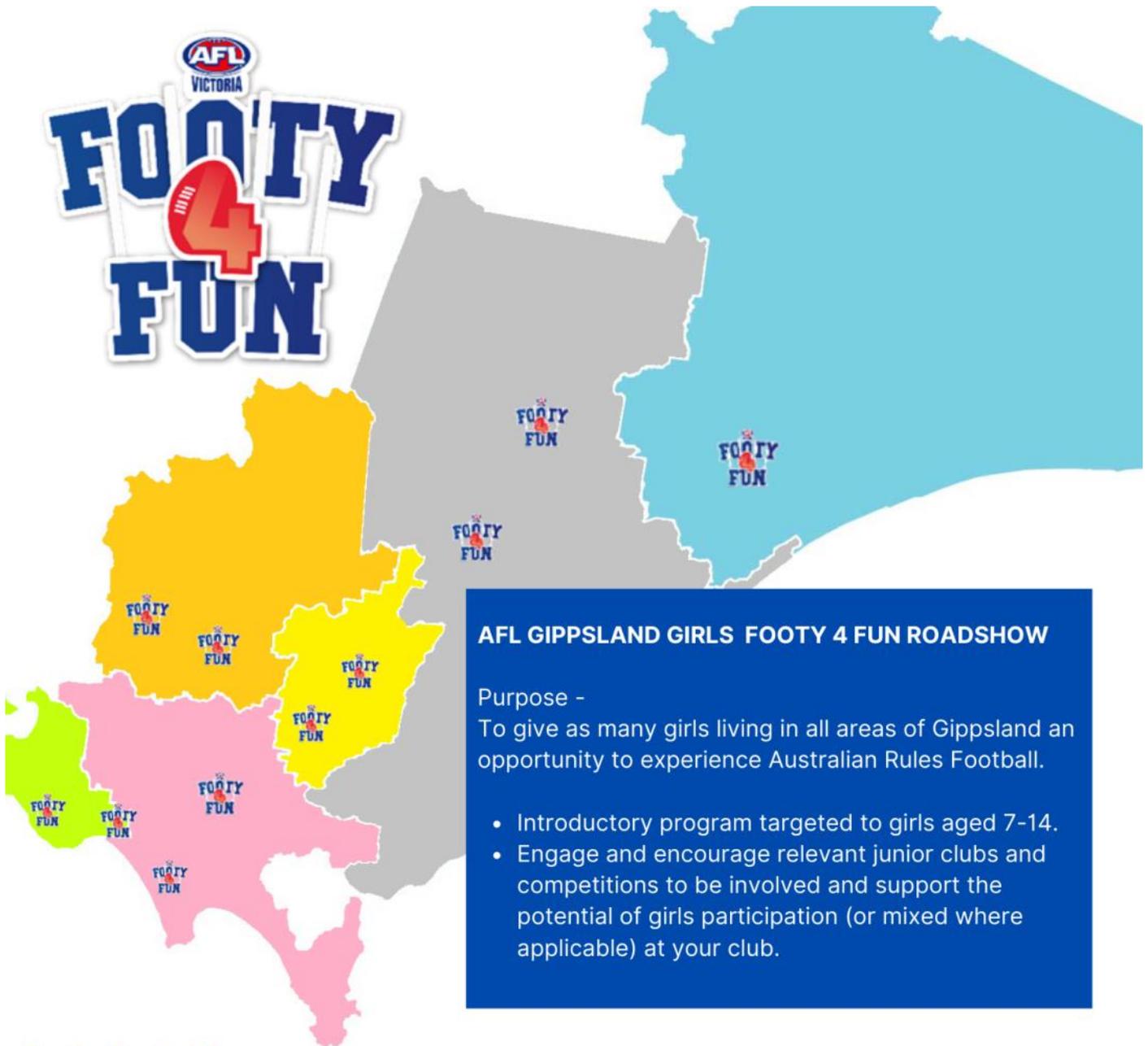
- FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES
- EXPERIENCED 10AM-11AM
- BEGINNERS 11AM-1PM

⚽ **FREE BARBECUE**
⚽ **VIP PRESENTATIONS**

- COACHES & REFEREES
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- INCLUDING FORMER MATILDA JANE OAKLEY!

REGISTER: www.gofootball.com.au/play/pick-your-location/Warragul-United-SC





AFL GIPPSLAND GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN ROADSHOW

Purpose -

To give as many girls living in all areas of Gippsland an opportunity to experience Australian Rules Football.

- Introductory program targeted to girls aged 7-14.
- Engage and encourage relevant junior clubs and competitions to be involved and support the potential of girls participation (or mixed where applicable) at your club.

Foster Footy 4 Fun

12th of February at Foster Showgrounds

Korumburra Footy 4 Fun

26th of February at Korumburra Showgrounds

Nar Nar Goon Footy 4 Fun

5th of March venue TBC

Dalyston Footy 4Fun

6th of March at Dalyston Recreation Reserve

Warragul Footy 4 Fun

12th of March at Marist - Sion College

Morwell Footy 4 Fun

19th of March at Morwell Recreation Reserve

Traralgon Footy 4 Fun

26th of March venue TBC

Sale Footy 4 Fun

2nd of April at Sale Main Oval

Boisdale Footy 4 Fun

9th of April at Boisdale Recreation Reserve

Inverloch Footy 4 Fun

16th of April at Thompson Reserve

Bairnsdale Footy 4 Fun

23rd of April at Nagle College Bairnsdale