

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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## Principal's Report

Personally, I'm excited to announce that my position as Acting Principal will be extended until the end of term 2. I've thoroughly enjoying my time here and I appreciate all the new learning and added responsibility the role comes with. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can achieve together in term 2 in this fantastic school. Jennifer Cox has also extended her stay at Lang Lang Primary School until the end of term 2.

### Curriculum Day

Our curriculum day on Wednesday 24th of February was a great success. TLPS staff met with our Corner Inlet Cluster (Toora, Fish Creek and Welshpool and District Primary Schools) at Toora Primary School. The schools took the time to learn about and launch into our first cluster Professional Learning Community cycle. This is very exciting as it is a great way to work together, build our knowledge of teaching practices to improve student outcomes. We are looking forward to trying new things in the classroom and measuring the impact we have made on the students.

### School Council Nominations

Tarwin Lower Primary School is currently calling for any interested parents or community members to nominate for school council for 2021. Meetings are held twice a term at the school. Being on school council is a rewarding experience, is not onerous on your time and is valued highly by myself, the teachers and the school community. We have several parent membership positions available this year, and are looking forward to finding the right people to fill them.

Nominations close on the 15th of March 2021. Nomination forms have been sent home today with students and are also available from Lindy at the office.

Thank you to all the departing councillors who have represented the parents and community over the past 12 months. Your voice and feedback has been appreciated over the turbulent Remote and Flexible learning periods. Together we strive to

make Tarwin Lower Primary a great place for your students to grow and learn.

### Supporting local business

Through feedback at school council, TLPS has decided we would like to further benefit local businesses and families. We would like to create a contact list of community member with trades or businesses that we can contact with any paid maintenance jobs as a first point of call. If you are interested in logging your details please click the link below and complete the short form.

#### [Community Maintenance Form](#)

Alternatively, contact Lindy at the office.

### Breakfast Club

Our School Chaplain, along with any volunteering parents will commence Breakfast Club this Friday the 5th of March. The club will then be operating Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the semester. We are looking forward to the opportunity to build relationships with students and parents outside of class time, while also ensuring students are not hungry and in the best position to learn.

### Athletics day for 3-6 Waratah cluster

The Waratah Athletic day, for years 3-6 will, take place on Friday the 12th of March. Could parents please organise transport for their children, to and from the event. Also if there is any parents willing to help out at our event, the 200m could you please let Lindy or myself know.



Warm Regards,

Greg Eddy

Acting Principal

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



### 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 Chaplaincy Program



Dear School Community,

Just a quick note to introduce myself to you all. My name is Sue Cronk and I am the newly appointed School Chaplain. I will also be helping with breakfast club and supporting our teachers in the classroom. I am excited about being part of the Tarwin Lower school

community and are looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and months. Hopefully I will be able to meet many of you at the school picnic on Wednesday the 3rd of March. Already I have met many of your children as I have interacted with them in the classroom and playground. I am here to support you so please don't hesitate to contact me

via the school if you need a listening ear, or you feel your child needs some extra support. I am here for the entire school community and not just the children.

Sue Cronk

### Beverley Mitchell-Symons

It is with sadness we reflect on the passing of Beverley Mitchell-Symons.

Bev was a teacher at Tarwin Lower Primary School from 1994 to 2011.

Bev taught mainly in the junior classroom and was also our art teacher.

Bev loved art, and evidence of her expertise can still be found around the school in the form of mosaics in front of the music/Indonesian/playgroup room and also in the vegetable garden. Bev was also responsible for choosing the colourful chairs and tables in the junior room.

Bev was always a passionate and enthusiastic teacher who gave her students the foundation and love of learning. Her students have gone on to be valuable and contributing members of society, in areas such as medicine, law, veterinary, commerce, government and trades.

On a personal level, she was a kind and compassionate person who was always willing to help anyone.

Although battling cancer for the third time, she remained upbeat and strong to the end. Even in hospital she took her art supplies and set up her own art studio in her hospital room.

She will be greatly missed.





## Dates to Remember

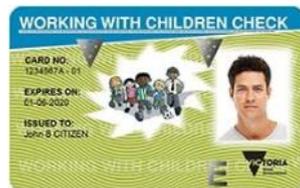
Wednesday 3rd March	PREPS REST DAY
Wednesday 3rd March	Family Picnic Evening from 5.30pm BYO picnic. All invited
Monday 8th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th March	First Wednesday for Preps to attend
Tuesday 16th March	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING & AGM - 6PM
Thursday 1st April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 19th April	First Day of Term 2

## 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



Congratulations to Aedan and Georgie for swimming so well in the District Swimming Sports.

Aedan received a first place in breaststroke and will be progressing to the Regional Swimming Competition. We wish him well.

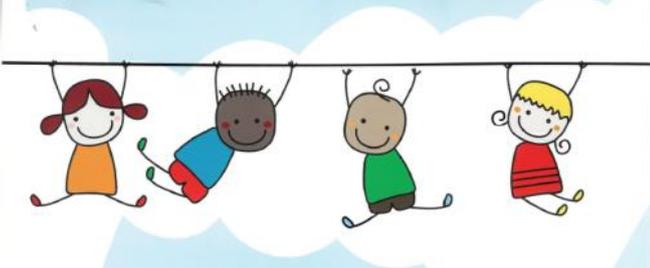


## Bread Tags

Remember to continue to collect your bread tags this year.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## 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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\*Many types of income and Concession payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.  
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The South Family, Barry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

## Netball players needed

Tarwin football/netball club is looking for players for their 13 and under team. Boys and girls can play.

If your child is interested in playing, please attend training nights.

5.00pm each Thursday at the courts at the recreation reserve.

All enquiries please call Michelle 0428 635 267



Ash and Addie having fun with maths

## Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday

◆ Myla





# 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