

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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Please Note – supervision is from 8.45-9.00am before school and 3.20-3.30pm after school.

I had the pleasure of attending the first School Council meeting for 2024 and was incredibly impressed with what Vanessa and the team have achieved, with fundraising being a big stand out. The role they play is so significant for our students and one example of this is seeing the smiles and joy on the faces on our students when they play on the new playground. This was the beneficiary of fundraising by the team and the community. Another important role of the Council is to provide feedback to the Principal in relation to how we can continually progress in being the best school we can be. An example of this is that you are probably reading this newsletter on paper instead of your device. The feedback indicated that many of our parents would prefer a hard copy as they found it easier to read. We will continue provide access on Compass as well and if you don't wish to have a paper copy go home, then please let us know.

During the meeting we also requested feedback around attendance. Tarwin Lower PS goal for 2024 is to take the average days absent per year of our students from 22 in 2023 down to 18 for this year. Tarwin Lower is unfortunately well below state average for attendance. We will be working with families to gain feedback on how we can improve in this area, with School Council already sharing some great ideas. We handed out the Victorian Department of Education Guidelines to Attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences so if you couldn't attend, you will find it attached to this newsletter. The content in the Guidelines may come across a bit harsh however the reality is that an average of

20 days per year is the equivalent of over a year of school lost by the time the student reaches year 12. This puts them at a major life-long disadvantage.

Swimming has been going great and Splash have generously provided an extra session on Tuesday 12th of March to make up for the week missed when the power went out. On the topic of swimming, Claire and Audrey have made it to the second round of the District Swimming. This is a huge achievement, and they will be competing against the best of best from five other local schools and so we wish them good luck.

Finally, I would like to continue to thank everyone for welcoming me into this community. I feel privileged to be working here as I have a huge amount of confidence in our staff and know that they all go above and beyond to provide the best opportunities for the students and are doing so in such a friendly community. As a Principal, it doesn't get much better.

Warm Regards,


Ashton Webster

Acting Principal



**IT'S GREAT IF
YOU'RE NOT LATE**

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

 Follow our Facebook page for photos and the most up to date information of the learning happening at school.

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



Swimming

Due to the recent power outage which affected most of South Gippsland, we could not attend our swimming program last week.



Consequently, we have added an extra day as a catch up day. This will be Tuesday 12th March. As the booking is earlier, students will leave on the bus as soon as the bell goes at 9.00am. Please ensure that your child arrives for school on time. We cannot wait for latecomers.

Grade 6 Polo Shirts

Students in Grade 6 can order a special Grade 6 polo shirt. These are \$45.00 each and available at the office.

School Photos

The school photos were taken today (Thursday). The photographer uses a web based ordering system. This means that you don't have to pre-order the photos and you can view them online and then choose your package. All students will be photographed and families will be sent an email by the photographer. You will have a certain period to order your photos and he will deliver them to school. If you forget to order or want to make a further order at a later date, you can arrange to have the photos delivered to your address.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

If you have a Centrelink card and have not already done so, you will need to fill in an application form for CSEF. Please see Lindy in the office.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you to those parents who booked in and attended Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences on Monday.

If you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher, please contact the school and we will arrange a meeting time.

Parent Payments

Thank you to the parents who have already paid Curriculum Contributions for this school year.

The 2024 Parent Payment Policy has been published on Compass and can also be found on our school

website: www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au.

Please note that payments can be made via :

- Compass
- Cash
- Direct debit into the school account (see details on following page)
- Credit Card payment at the office via Compass

School Council Elections

At our first School Council Meeting 4 positions were declared vacant and nominations were called.

Nomination forms are available at the office and close on Wednesday 6th March.

Please give consideration to joining School Council. It is very rewarding to contribute to your children's school.

We only have 8 meetings per year which run for approximately 1 hour each so will not take up a lot of your time. If you can't make a meeting, you can join on a video conference or by telephone.

2024 Calendars

At the end of last year the school was selling 2024 calendars as a fundraiser. These calendars feature the amazing artwork of our students.

We have a few calendars that have not sold and they are now available for the **bargain price of \$10.00 each**. Contact the office if you would like to purchase a calendar (or two!!)



**2024– DATES TO REMEMBER**

Thursday 22nd February	School Photos
Wednesday 28th February	Swimming No 3
Wednesday 28th February	Prep rest day
Monday 4th -Friday 8th March	Dental Van
Wednesday 6th March	Swimming No 4
Wednesday 6th March	Prep rest day
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Holiday
Monday 12th March	Swimming No 5 (extra day to due to power outage) Note: Bus leaves at 9.00am
Wednesday 13th March	First Wednesday attendance for Prep students
Wednesday 13th - Wednesday 27th March	Naplan Testing
Tuesday 19th March	School Council
Thursday 28th March	Foodbank Food Fight !!
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 15th March	First Day of Term 2

Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great time on your special day.

- **Ollie**
- **Sam**
- **Maddie**



These students are great listeners!!

They received their certificates at last week's assembly.

Auslan

The students are loving Auslan and are learning new signs each week. We have learnt a little about deaf culture and history as an introduction. We have also learnt some greeting signs such as “how are you?” and responses such as “I’m good, ok or bad.” We will be exploring other feelings later this term.

This week we focused on family signs such as mum, dad, grandma, grandpa, brother, sister cousin, aunt and uncle. Ask your child to teach you the signs that they have been taught. This helps them to remember the signs.

Each newsletter I will update families of the signs taught and share a fact about deaf culture or Auslan .

FACT- Auslan is written with only a capital letter at the beginning and not fully capitalised. Auslan stands for Australian sign language.

Nicki Robson

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MARC Preview of Learning – Term 1 2024

As the year of 2024 begins, we have been pleased to welcome students that we already know and new students to our weekly MARC Library sessions of learning.

The MARC van continues to visit (with either Mrs. J or Mrs. Callcott at the helm) ... Tarwin Lower PS... Mondays, Welshpool and District PS... Tuesdays, Toora PS ... Wednesdays, Powlett River PS... Thursdays, Kongwak PS... Thursdays and Fish Creek and District PS... Fridays.

Students can borrow books for two weeks. Students can reborrow current borrowed books if they wish to or delve into the wonderful range of books that we 'carry' in the van, making a new choice.

You may not know this, but the acronym MARC stands for Mobile Area Resource Centre. The MARC van is currently based at Fish Creek and District PS. The MARC van has had several bases since it was begun in this area in 1979.

The following is a preview of our focused learning sessions in Term 1, 2024.

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1	MARC program expectations. 'The Children who Loved Books' by Peter Carnavas	MARC program expectations. 'The Great Book Swapping Machine' by Emma Allen.	MARC program expectations. Introduction to 'visual note taking' (sketch noting). The Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
2	Share texts which celebrate traditions associated with Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year.	Share texts which celebrate traditions associated with Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year.	Introduction to novel study of 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. During reading students will practise visual note taking.
3 -5	Learning about authors. Enjoying and sharing books written by Stehen Michael King, e.g. 'Henry and Amy – Right way round and Upside down.'	Learning about authors. Enjoying and sharing books written by Andy Griffiths, e.g. 'The Treehouse' series.	Continue weekly serial reading of text 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. Students to work on learning tasks from an activity grid providing many choices.
6	The fun and delights of Dr Seuss.	The fun and delights of Dr Seuss.	As above.
7	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature	As above.
8	Our life force, water, is explored using fiction and non - fiction texts.	Our life force, water, is explored using fiction and non - fiction texts.	As above.
9	Easter traditions	Easter traditions	As above.

Yours in reading and learning.

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott



ALERT: GET READY FOR THE FUNNEST, MESSIEST DAY EVER!

Hi Tarwin Lower Primary School families,

We're holding a Food Fight to raise much needed funds for Foodbank Victoria with a target of **\$2 000.00** and we're asking all families to pitch in!

We are super excited to announce that we will be holding our event on **Thursday 28th March at school!**

What is the Foodbank Food Fight?

Who doesn't love the idea of a Food Fight? Here's the chance for our entire school to engage in the naughtiest way yet* to boost school spirit and help raise vital funds for Foodbank Victoria. It's just like a school colour fun run, but so much more fun.

The Food Fight fun happens at school and the fundraising happens at home. You get to create your own online profile, set your fundraising target, and then choose your target prizes. In your profile you will have a unique cyber safe link to share with your family and friends so they can donate and help get you close to your target.

Money raised will go to Foodbank Victoria so they can continue to feed 57,000 people in need, every day!

*No ACTUAL food will be harmed in the making of this event.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do this week is create an online profile at foodfight.com.au.

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, we would love to see you there!

Thank you all in advance,
Tarwin Lower Primary School



1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Program

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

Tired of yelling and nagging?

Resolve difficult behaviour in children aged 2 to 12.

In 3 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 program live online from the comfort of your own home - Or come in and do it in person!

When?

11:30am – 2:30pm

Over 3 Tuesdays:

Mar 12th

Mar 19th

Mar 26th, 2024

Cost?

FREE

Get in touch

Bookings are essential!

*****Applications close Wed 6th March*****

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