

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

6th April 2022

Newsletter No. 5

Dear Families,

Welcome to the end of Term 1. It has arrived upon us incredibly quickly, and I wish to thank each and every one of you for your connection to our school and for the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your children to be ready for learning.

As Term 1 draws to an end, we can only reflect on how lucky we have been to undertake most of this term without major disruptions and challenges, other than our one week blip.

How fortunate that most of our programs and events have unfolded as planned during the term. Those that did not occur have not been cancelled, they have been postponed and will occur later in the year.

Our teachers continue to work hard this week to undertake their extensive planning for term 2, we are somewhat optimistic and hopeful that this landscape will continue into next term. We have lots planned for next term including the Year 5/6 Melbourne camp, Landcare excursion (take two), Year 5/6 Winter Sports, Incursions and so much more 😊

We end a fantastic term that has seen some significant accomplishments with our Foundation students and their beginning of their schooling. They have settling into their learning spaces with their peers and new teachers, and the entire student group beginning their learning with rigour and intent. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to make this happen for all our students, and for that I applaud and thank them.

The school holiday break includes two long weekends. Enjoy time with your family and friends and the arrival of the Easter bunny too. Our school captains will be reading the ANZAC Day requiem at the ANZAC ceremony on Monday 25th April at midday. This will be either at the Hall or the Cenotaph. Please come down to support our students and pay your respects. Ashlyn, Blake and Raff have been practicing the requiem in preparation, it is a complicated piece of writing to read aloud, and they have practiced and persisted and taken on feedback, like all good leaders, and are doing an amazing job. I am sure they will represent our school well and do us and themselves proud.

Please note that the last day of Term 1 is Friday 8th April @**2.20pm**. Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 27th April.

Warm Regards,

Jennifer Cox

Principal





School Council

Our School Council is in quite a sorry state at the moment. Currently we have the following members:

- Jenni Cox (Principal)
- Freya Carbone (DET member)
- Alex Brusamarello (Parent member)
- Sarah Williamson (Parent member)
- Kel Starke (Parent Member & Vice President)

Our Constitution allows for 2 DET members and 8 parent members. As you can see we are falling quite short. At the moment we don't even have a President!

We urgently need more parents to volunteer to be on School Council.

There are only 8 meetings per year (2 of which have already occurred).

At the moment our meetings have been conducted remotely. When we return to face-to-face meetings, you could still log in remotely if it is difficult to attend in person.

Apart from attending meetings and moving motions on camps, finance documents etc. there is really not much else required.

If you chose to be President you would chair the meetings and sign a few documents. Simple!!

Please, please help us to create a vibrant School Council and give your children the best possible school environment .

COVID

The Victorian Government has announced it is extending the RAT screening program for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Thank you to all students and families who have played their role in regularly testing – we know that hasn't been easy.

The testing recommendations will remain the same next Term for students and staff to test at home twice a week on Monday and Thursday, or if unwell.

Students were given another RAT today to take home, and they will receive another at the beginning of term 2.

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff. The Easter

break is a good opportunity to get your child vaccinated ahead of this, with many options across GPs, pharmacies and the state run vaccination clinics.

If you have any concerns or worries about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your concerns.

The guidelines for people recovering from COVID has been updated. If you have recovered from COVID-19, you aren't required to get tested or isolate/quarantine if you are re-exposed to a case within **8 weeks** of ending your isolation period.

Thank you again for all your support over Term 1, we couldn't have done it without you.

Life Ed Visit—Talk About It!

Unfortunately yesterdays session had to be postponed as the presenter was a close contact and had to isolate. We are re-scheduling this and will let you know the new date when it is confirmed.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC day falls right at the end of the school holidays, on Monday 25th April.

As usual, there will be a service in Tarwin Lower at 12.00 noon. This will be either at the Hall or at the Cenotaph (weather dependent).

Our school captains will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school and also reading the Requiem. Please come along to support them and to show your respect for those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Ms Dye

Please join us in wishing Ms Dye a speedy recovery from her foot injury. We hope she feels better very soon and look forward to seeing her back at school.

Thank you also to Mrs Sheers for teaching the middle grade in Ms Dye's absence.



From the office...

Urban Camp 9-11 May 2022

Information has been sent home today regarding our Melbourne Camp. You are able to pay and give consent on Compass. If you have CSEF money you can use it for this camp. Please see Lindy in the office to find out about your CSEF balance.

If you are having problems with Compass, please call the office.

Payments can be made via Compass, cash, cheque or direct debit (see below)

*Important - The medical consent form that has been sent home today must be filled out and returned prior to camp.

**Remember, if you child has medication that needs to be taken on camp, a doctor's letter must accompany the medication, stating dosages and times.

Students with asthma can self medicate but must have a current Asthma management plan.

Curriculum Contributions

Payments for Curriculum Contributions can still be made through the office if you haven't already done so.

Waratah Athletics Day

Last Friday our students in grades 3 - 6 competed in the Waratah Athletics at Foster Secondary College. Thank you to all the parents who transported them. Students with the best times or results will compete in the district athletics tomorrow. Good luck to all those students.



School Bank Details

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



Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday



• Ms Dye



From the Chaplain

School holidays are quickly approaching and the countdown for the end of term one has begun. It was good to have most of the children back at school after the Covid outbreak. The place was a buzz of activity when I came back into work last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many children take part in the 'Harmony Day' on the Friday as well. Ask your children about some of the activities they did on that day what they learnt. I don't remember school being that much fun when I was a kid.



We are now well and truly into Autumn and the nights are turning cooler. The long range, weather forecast for the school holidays is promising some reasonable weather, with the daily temperature ranging from about 18 to 22 degrees Celsius on most days. There is a little bit of rain forecast as well of course, so I've been thinking about some cheap holiday activities for you and your children. For those of you who will be staying local during this time, here are some options to consider. Most of the activities are about 30 minutes drive from Tarwin and two places are within 50 minutes. Hope these ideas are helpful to you. All information is correct at the time of writing this article, but please check websites beforehand to ensure there's been no change to the program.

Free / low-cost School Holiday Activities.

- Coal Creek Community Park & museum. Korumburra. Entry is free.
- Long Jetty Port Welshpool.
- Agnes Falls, near Toora.
- Wonthaggi State Coal Mine. Free entry.
- Venus Bay Community Centre, School holiday program. Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Activities include making junkyard models, masks, and puppets. Ring 5663 7499 for more information.
- Overnight Camping trip in the back yard. You and the kids can always come back inside if it gets too cold or begins to rain.
- Movie afternoon or night with friends, with ice cream and popcorn.
- Disco night with friends.
- Local library activities. All free
 - ◇ April 12th. 11 till noon. Clay craft at Wonthaggi library.
 - ◇ April 14th. 11:30 till 12:30 p.m. Bollywood dance workshop at Wonthaggi library or 2:30 till 3:30 p.m. at Inverloch library.
 - ◇ April 14th. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Dragon eggs at Leongatha library.
 - ◇ April 19th. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Paper plane workshop Korumburra library.
 - ◇ April 20. 11 am to noon. Pirates at Wonthaggi

library.

- ◇ April 20th. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. T-shirt design at Leongatha library.
- ◇ Friday 22nd. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free kids movie at Wonthaggi library.

I've continued running the craft program at Friday lunch times, which the children are enjoying. Recently we've been making 'cubes', 'animal cones' and 'scratch pictures.' We've even had a go at some plate painting. We will explore this option more after the holidays.

Looking forward to seeing you all in term 2. Remember that I will always find time for a chat if you'd like one. Yours, the staff, and the welfare of your children, will always be my top priority while I am the Chaplain at Tarwin Lower Primary.

Sue





Congratulations



Congratulations to our certificate recipients and...



...well done to all the students who were awarded leaves.



Kate Starke - Author

One of our parents has become a published author! Kate Starke has just had her first novel published. The book is called 'Silvertooth'.

Kate has copies available if you wish to purchase one, and it is also available in e-book format on Amazon.

Well done Kate and we wish you much success.





Term 1 – important dates	
Thu 7 April	District Athletics @Foster Secondary for selected students
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
Thur 28 April	Bug Blitz/Landcare Excursion—TBC
Mon 9th - 11th May	Urban Camp Years 5 & 6
Tues 10-20 May	NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
Fri 13 May	Year 7 application due to Secondary Colleges for 2023 enrolment
Tue 17th May	School Council
Fri 20 May	Incursion—Majeeda Beatty: Murri Island Girl
Thu 26th May	Division Cross Country
Mon 13th June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 14th June	School Council

Sunday 3rd April 2022

Turn

and

Test

your clocks
back one hour



Test

your smoke
alarms





ONLY WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

When you turn your clocks back for daylight savings on Sunday 3rd April 2022 – test your smoke alarm.

When you test your smoke alarm, make sure the battery isn't older than 12 months old – and if it is: replace it.

If a smoke alarm is approaching 10 years old, order your replacements today! All smoke alarms must be replaced every 10 years.

Why should I have a smoke alarm?

When you're asleep you lose your sense of smell 🙅. A smoke alarm is your electronic nose. It will alert you if there is smoke from a fire.

🔥 A small fire can grow to ignite an entire room in just two to three minutes. A smoke alarm provides early warning and time to escape.

Remember: Only working smoke alarms save lives.

cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home/smoke-alarms



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TheirCare

Where Kids love to be!

Dear School Community, News from Their Care!

This week we are making Clay pins (Brooches) with the faces of our favorite characters.



What would be your character?

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



On Tuesdays we make Pizzas, every time they come out better.

We continue learning to play chess, now we are more players who are interested. Some play very well and others are learning how to move the pieces on the board.

Do you know how the horse moves? and the Tower?



Samuel draws very well on the digital screen.



Our operating hours are:

B 4 S C - 7.00 am to 8.45 am weekdays

A S C - 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm weekdays

Phone number: 0499 257 488

To enroll, please visit TheirCare website www.theircare.com.au and click "Book Now" in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.



Our Community At Work Calendar of Events 2022

saxxcommunityatwork@gmail.com



Date	April
<u>Sun 3rd</u>	<p>SGSC Fire danger period ended 28th March DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - SUNDAY 3rd April - put clocks back 1 hour @ 3am Check your smoke detectors are working correctly</p> 
<u>Every Sun</u>	<p>Tarwin Lower Union Church News</p> <p>Regular services: Saturday 5:30 p.m. Catholic and Mass 6.30 p.m. (every Saturday after 2nd Sunday of the month Sunday 10.30 a.m. Anglican/Uniting <i>Our mission is to be a welcoming, sharing Christian community</i></p> 
<u>Sun 10th</u>	<p>Tarwin Lower Union Church News Final Lenten study at Tarwin Lower Pub12 Noon</p> 
<u>Good Fri 15th</u>	<p>Tarwin Good Friday Church Service @10am Followed by Hot Cross Buns</p> 
<u>Good Fri 15th</u>	<p>Easter Weekend <u>Venus Bay Angling Club 4 Days 15,16,17,18th Fishing Competition</u> Further details www.venusbayanglingclub.org.au</p> 
<u>Easter Sat 16th</u>	<p>WHAT'S NEW @ Venus Bay Men's Shed 190 Lees Rd VB Come and browse in 'THE SHOP' it will be open 10:30am - Noon - EVERY Wednesday & Saturday</p> <p>Wooden items for sale: See below samples of goods Cheese boards, candle holders, Billy carts, coffee table, chopping boards etc. FEIPOS AVAILABLE for orders email: ybtimemsshed@gmail.com</p> 
<u>Easter Mon 18th</u>	

<u>Easter Sun 17th</u>	<p>Tarwin Regular church service Easter Sunday 10:30am Catholic mass at 9 a.m. Tarwin Lower hall</p> 
<u>Easter Sun 17th</u>	<p>The Venus Bay Angling club will be holding their annual Easter Egg hunt for Children and Grand Children of members and the general public at the club Shed commencing at 10:00 am bring along your kids and join in the fun.</p>  
<u>Easter Mon 18th</u>	<p>TARWIN LOWER HALL MARKET 8am - 2pm Numerous stalls of new and old wares, produce, clothing, plants, cakes, food and lots more - Huge BBQ sizzle New stall holders welcome STALL BOOKINGS- Brian 0490 970 377</p> 
<u>Wed 20th</u>	<p>COMMUNITY LUNCHEON 114 Jupiter Boulevard Venus Bay Bookings Essential set menu Contact Wendy 0409 811 157 or ourcommunityatwork@gmail.com</p> 
<u>Fri 22nd</u>	<p>A Fantastic Woman (2017 Spanish Film) – subtitles Any queries can be sent to tarwinlowerfilmsociety@gmail.com For convenience, a link to Trybooking website can also be found below: https://www.trybooking.com/BTOXXM</p> 
<u>Mon 25th</u>	<p>ANZAC DAY 25th April 12 Noon at Cenotaph (next to CFA) check tarwinlowerhall.com for updates before hand.</p> 
<u>Mon 25th</u>	<p>Recycle bins 6 monthly ENDS Monday 25th April and commences again in November 2022</p> 

The next film for the Tarwin Lower Film Society is scheduled for Friday 22nd April and is a Spanish film made in 2017 called "A Fantastic Woman".
 Movie begins at 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:45pm.
 See link to trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJHex4Zi0A&list=PL>
 Films are screened at the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Hall.
 Memberships are available at Trybooking.com (Click "Buy Tickets" and search for Tarwin Lower Film Society).
 12 months (from July to June)- \$60 - 3 months (consecutive films) - \$25.
 Alternatively, you can find a TryBooking link at the tarwinlowerhall.com website.
 For convenience, a link to Trybooking website can also be found below: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTOXXM>



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PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION **BUILDING SAFE ONLINE SPACES TOGETHER**

A SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH INITIATIVE



MARNIE LYON

Digital Forensic Officer, Cybercrime Squad, Victoria Police

Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/building-safer-online-spaces-tickets-310911985117>



**28th
April**

7.30-8.30PM



Nambur Wariga
Room

Latrobe City

Headquarters

141 Commercial

Rd MORWELL

OR

Via Teams (Link
provided to
registered
participants)

DISCUSSIONS **AND INSIGHTS**

- The types of online/social media your young people are accessing
- Online experiences from young people and current trends
- Common misconceptions around online cyber safety
- How to support your young people to stay safe online
- How you and your young people can report online cyber issues
- The cybercrime squad and what they do



Latrobe City
a new energy

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



Press release

Nature-based activities project for Younger Veterans

If you are a younger veteran, and want to help our local environment, South Gippsland Landcare Network's new project will be of interest to you.

The project is open to younger veterans and their families, and will consist of ten activity sessions, run monthly from March-December 2022, across South Gippsland.

The half-day activity sessions will be held in conjunction with local Landcare groups and will include putting out remote cameras to take photos of wildlife, tree planting, and weeding in bushland areas. It's a great opportunity to get your hands dirty, help protect and improve our environment, meet people, and have fun.

Each activity session will be held at a different location, from Nyora to Mirboo North to Foster, and lots of places in between. Some activity sessions will be run on weekdays, and others on weekends. You can attend as many activity sessions as you want, it's completely up to you.

SGLN is working with Leongatha RSL on this project. RSL volunteers will participate in the sessions. The RSL may be able to provide transport if needed.

If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please contact Cassie – cassie@sgln.net.au, or 0448 739 559. We can then let you know more details about each session and invite you to come along to any that interest you.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.



Photo: Activities will include tree planting sessions like this one



Nature based activities for Younger Veterans

Younger Veterans and their families are invited to join South Gippsland Landcare groups in protecting our local environment

South Gippsland Landcare Network, working with the Leongatha RSL, have received funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs for this project to support the younger veterans community.

Ten sessions will be run monthly across South Gippsland, including:

- Putting out remote cameras to take photos of wildlife and pest animals
- Tree planting
- Weeding in bushland areas

Each session will be working with a local landcare group, in different locations across South Gippsland.

Sessions will be on weekdays and weekends, and are open to younger veterans and their families. You can come along to as many sessions as you'd like!

Leongatha RSL may be able to provide transportation to activities if required.

When

Sessions will be run monthly from March - December 2022.

Where

From Nyora to Mirboo North to Foster and lots of places in between

Register your interest

Please let us know you are interested either by completing this online form

<https://forms.gle/YWWa7kDvNdVrNAwo6>

or by emailing or phoning Cassie:

cassie@sgln.net.au or 0448 739 559

We'll then let you know more details about each session and invite you to come to any that interest you.

