

# NEWSLETTER



Tarwin Lower Primary School

1st of May 2026

Issue #6

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

I am pleased to recognise the students who have achieved outstanding attendance during Term 1. Students who attended school at a rate of 95% or above have been awarded attendance certificates in acknowledgment of their consistent commitment to being present and engaged in their learning.

It is important to emphasise that it is completely understandable for students to have been away due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. We appreciate the efforts of families to ensure students return to school as soon as they are able, maintaining a healthy and supportive learning environment for all.

Attendance records reset at the start of each term, providing every student with a fresh opportunity to earn an attendance certificate. This approach encourages continuous improvement and allows all students to strive for excellent attendance throughout the year.

Congratulations to all students who received their attendance award for Term 1. Your dedication to school attendance is commendable and contributes greatly to your academic success.



*Renee Pilkington*

### TOP NEWS

#### **Unexplained**

**Absences** - Second highest in South Gippsland. See table.

Please update through Compass.

#### **2027 Prep and Year 7**

**Enrolments** - now open

## DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 2

Thursday 7th May	Parks Alive Years 2-6 9am to 11am
Friday 8th May	Parks Alive Years 2-6 9am to 11am Mothers Day Stall and Special Person Afternoon - no assembly Uniform Orders Due
Tues 12 May to Tues 26 May	Book Fair
Tuesday 12 May	School Council @4pm
Wednesday 13th May	Curriculum Day - no students
Friday 15th May	Newsletter
Tuesday 19th May	Parks Alive Years 2-6 9am to 11am
Thursday 21st May	Cross Country for eligible Years 3-6 students
Friday 22nd May	Winter Sports Training Tryouts - Years 5/6 @Fish Creek PS
Monday 25th May	Attitudes to School Survey - Years 4/5/6 (three week period)
Friday 29th May	Newsletter
Friday 29th May	Winter Sports Training Tryouts - Years 5/6 @Meeniyon PS
Thursday 4th May	Melbourne Arts Excursion - Years 2-6 (no cost)
Tuesday 2nd June	Parks Alive Years 2-6 9am to 11am
Monday 8th June	Kings Birthday - No school
Tuesday 9th June	School Council @4pm
Friday 12th June	Newsletter
Tuesday 16th June	Parks Alive Years 2-6 9am to 11am
Friday 19th June	Winter Sports Play Off - Years 5/6 @Foster
Thursday 25th June	Division Winter Sports for successful teams @Wonthaggi
Friday 26th June	Last day of Term 2 - 2.20pm finish Newsletter and unexplained absence letters

## Unexplained Absences – Second Highest in South Gippsland

Please update Compass. Phone calls home for unexplained absences in Term 1 have begun.

School Name	SEIL	Developing	Enrolments	Unexplained 22/12/25	Unexplained 2/03/2026	Unexplained 16/03/2026	Unexplained 30/03/2026	Unexplained 13/4/2027
				6.3%	12.9%	8.4%	7.1%	7.0%
Tarwin Lower Primary School	Robert Juratowitch		36	16.7%	15.0%	15.1%	18.8%	16.4%
				18.6%	8.1%	7.2%	8.8%	13.3%
				9.9%	23.1%	12.1%	11.5%	11.5%
				0.6%	8.2%	8.9%	6.6%	8.0%
				4.9%	10.7%	7.5%	7.5%	7.4%
				12.5%	7.9%	4.0%	4.8%	5.3%
				6.4%	9.4%	2.9%	3.0%	5.3%
				0.5%	3.9%	3.6%	5.0%	4.1%
				0.3%	9.0%	7.3%	5.4%	4.1%
				2.1%	14.0%	14.7%	7.7%	4.0%
				2.9%	17.6%	2.1%	5.5%	3.9%
				6.5%	7.5%	1.9%	0.6%	3.7%
				0.3%	8.1%	0.9%	4.5%	3.5%
				1.0%	2.9%	0.6%	0.1%	2.8%
				5.0%	9.1%	3.1%	2.0%	2.3%
				14.8%	5.6%	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%
				0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.8%	1.9%
				9.5%	12.8%	14.3%	0.5%	1.7%
				0.6%	0.9%	3.5%	0.7%	1.5%
				0.2%	0.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%
				0.3%	2.5%	0.4%	3.0%	0.8%
				0.1%	0.5%	1.2%	0.3%	0.6%
				0.7%	8.8%	8.0%	2.0%	0.1%
				0.1%	10.4%	8.6%	11.8%	0.0%
				6.9%	4.8%	4.9%	0.0%	0.0%
				0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

## MARC Library News

A new term begins and with it the promise of shared learning sessions and the reading of wonderful stories.

Why do we read? Reading teaches, expands our minds, enriches our lives and opens doors into different worlds. As Dr Seuss famously said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Reading engages us and inspires our dreams. Where do we find the books we need and love? The MARC library has a wonderful collection of picture books, fiction and non-fiction, including many popular graphic novels. Our library is added to regularly. We support and feel excited to help our students to find the right book for them.

Below (next page) is a preview of our program for Term 2 2026.



Yours in reading and learning,  
**Anda Banikos**  
 MARC teacher

## Transition – 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](#) – this pack has been printed and sent home

## Special Persons Activity Day

The Junior School Council is very excited to announce their first organised activity.

**WHEN:** Friday 8th May

**WHERE:** Tarwin Lower Primary School

**TIME:** 2.30–3.20pm

These activities involve spending quality time with your loved ones and getting to know things you didn't know about them.

We hope you can make it,

**Junior School Council**

## Mothers Day Stall

On Friday the 8th May, all students from the school have the opportunity to buy a gift for a mum, grandma, or other special person in their life. All gifts are \$5.

### **ANZAC Day**

It was a pleasure to join our four school leaders, teachers, families and the community at the Tarwin Lower ANZAC day commemoration. Our students showed passion and respect. They read the ANZAC day Requiem eloquently and we are so proud of them for doing such an amazing job.



### **Student Reports**

Due to industrial action from the AEU, all teachers have a ban on all aspects of work

related to the provision of written comments on student reports that will be provided to parents. Therefore, there will be no Compass Comments until further notice.

### **Division Athletics**

Congratulations to Lilly and Tahlia for making it through to Division Athletics on 11th September.

### **Parents Club**

Thank you to the parents that attended the establishment of a Parents Club meeting. The parents are currently writing the Constitution for the minister. When this is approved, all families will be notified of the first official meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

### **Uniform Order**

A uniform order is attached to this newsletter. If you wish to order uniforms, please fill out the form and return to the office. Uniform orders are due in by Friday 8th May.

### **MARC Program Term 2**

Week	TOPIC
1	All students were read ANZAC stories which shared the meaning of ANZAC and the bravery and sacrifices made during wartime.
2-4	Students will delve into books on topics including: boats (juniors), inventions (middle years and collage (seniors).
5	All students will share some wonderful, newly published literature.
6-8	To coincide with National Reconciliation week, we will study titles written and illustrated by First Nations authors.
9	Again, all classes will share and look forward to newly published literature.
10	In honour of his birthday, all students will read and celebrate the stories and collage illustrations by the wonderful Eric Carle.

## Stay well this winter

[Influenza \(flu\)](#) can be serious, especially for children.

Choose to protect yourself and your loved ones with an [annual flu vaccine](#). The earlier you and your family get vaccinated, the better your protection heading into winter.

### Keeping our school community well

We encourage parents and carers and students to:

- wash or sanitise your hands thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after touching your face
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- stay home if unwell and consult your GP or [Nurse-on-Call](#) as needed
- stay up to date with your flu vaccinations.

### Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older.

Some people are more at risk of severe illness from flu, especially babies and toddlers.

They can get a [free vaccination](#) as part of the National Immunisation Program.

You can book a flu vaccine through your GP or pharmacy, or [find a flu vaccine near you](#).

### RSV vaccinations for mothers and babies

[RSV \(respiratory syncytial virus\)](#) is a common virus that causes colds and ear infections. In babies, it can cause severe illness like [bronchiolitis](#).

The RSV vaccine is available for pregnant women as part of the National Immunisation Program. In Victoria, eligible babies can also get the RSV vaccine until Wednesday 30 September 2026.

You can speak with your GP or midwife about the vaccine.

### Find out more

For more information about staying well this winter, refer to:

- your GP, pharmacist or midwife
- the Better Health Channel – [Don't risk the flu](#) campaign, including information about flu and other vaccines. This information is available in different languages
- the Better Health Channel – [RSV vaccine for mothers and infants](#)
- the Raising Children Network – [influenza](#), [COVID-19](#), [bronchiolitis](#) and [helping your child prepare for vaccination](#).





## Fire Danger Period Amendment

Fire Restrictions will be lifted as of  
1am **Tuesday 7 April 2026** in the  
following municipality

### South Gippsland Shire Council

**Thinking about burning off?**  
Check local council restrictions  
Learn how to keep it safe  
[www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/burnoff)  
Register your burn off  
[www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](http://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au)





**GOOD CLEAN FUN**

**PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK**

## **Tarwin Lower Auskick Centre**

Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve, Tarwin Lower

Contact: Aaron Browne - 0488 443 578

30/04/2026 TIME 5:00pm



SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

# Circle of Security™ Parenting Program



At times, all parents feel lost. Imagine what it might feel like to truly understand what your child is asking from you.

The Circle of Security™ Parenting Program is a free 8-week program that helps you make sense of your child's emotional needs and deepen your connection. Based on decades of research, this Program supports stronger, more secure parent-child relationships. The focus of this Program is for parents and guardians with children from birth to five years (babies under four-months welcome to attend).

The Program will help you:

- Strengthen the bond with your child.
- Understand and respond to their emotional needs.
- Build your child's self-esteem and security.
- Support emotional development.
- Boost your confidence and joy in parenting.

Course starts Wednesday ~~29 April~~ <sup>6 May</sup> 2026.

Attendance at all sessions highly recommended.

**Expressions of Interest close ~~Wednesday 22 April~~ <sup>Wednesday 22 April</sup> 2026.**

Scan the QR code below to register or contact our Maternal Child Health team on 5662 9294 or [mch@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:mch@southgippsland.vic.gov.au).



For more information please visit:  
[circleofsecurityinternational.com](http://circleofsecurityinternational.com)





# TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UNIFORM ORDER SHEET

**DUE DATE FOR ORDERS**

**Friday 8th May**

Samples of uniforms are available in the office.

Payment in full must be received before uniforms can be taken

**FAMILY NAME:**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	TOTAL QTY	TOTAL COST
		4	6	8	10	12	14	16			
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve with logo	\$ 25.00										
Top - Windcheater with logo	\$ 21.00										
Top - Microfibre Sports Jacket with logo	\$ 38.00										
Top - Polar Fleece Jacket with logo	\$ 30.00										
Dress - Blue Checked	\$ 21.00										
Shorts - Microfibre	\$ 14.00										
Shorts - Mesh	\$ 12.00										
Shorts - Cargo	\$ 19.00										
Skort	\$ 21.00										
Pants - Cargo	\$ 23.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
School Beanies	\$ 16.00										
Hat - Cargo (Slouch) S / M / L	\$ 10.00										
		SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	SIZE Sml	SIZE Med	SIZE Lge				
Grade 6 Polo Shirts	\$45.00										
<b>TOTAL</b>											<b>\$</b>
OFFICE USE:	TAKEN	PAID	CASH	D/D	C/C	C21 ent	C21 rcpt				

TEAM SANTA'S

# S [REDACTED] X RALLY CHARITY DINNER

You're warmly invited to join us for a festive evening to help raise awareness and vital funds for Cancer Council



**13TH JUNE 2026**

6PM

KOONWARRA HALL

**Dinner, drinks, live music and raffles**

**LIMITED TICKETS**

**\$100**

drinks at bar prices

18+ event

**Can't make it but would still like to donate?**

scan the QR code

**PURCHASE VIA**

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