

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School
Small School, Big Opportunities

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to students, families and friends of Tarwin Lower Primary for the final, busy academic term of the year. I hope you had an opportunity during the holidays to rest and replenish energy for the remaining weeks of the school year. It was wonderful to see and hear the excitement of children at school on Monday as they returned to their classrooms and friends.

The term promises to be a busy one as we consolidate and extend our students' learning. We have placed a great deal of emphasis on continuous improvement and raising academic standards throughout the course of this year, especially in the area of Literacy.

We are already implementing Whole School Writing. This term we will begin Whole School Reading. Reading is fundamental to learning in all subjects. Students will be grouped according to their needs and abilities. We believe that this program will be as successful as our writing program.

High expectations of students has also been a focus. We recognise that every student is at a different point on their learning journey and possesses a unique set of gifts. We believe that every student should strive to be the best that they can be. Success should not be measured by the number of 'A's' on a report card, but by whether students are progressing and moving ahead in their learning. This takes a range of skills including resilience, perseverance, understanding that mistakes are a part of learning and organisation. These are the qualities which we will continue to build in our students.

By working as a team, with teachers and students striving for personal excellence and parents supporting their children in their learning, I know we can ensure that our students will have a bright future.



Jenni Cox

Principal

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect

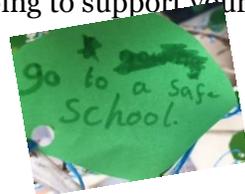


What a Great Morning!

It was wonderful having so many parents, carers and friends at the school on Monday. It was also wonderful having a few of our Preps for next year here too.



There were great activities happening, and we hope that parents have a better understanding of what is Mental Health and what the school is doing to support your child.



Our Students Are Published Authors!



It is finally here! The adaptation of the animated film the students made with Ben Everett! The book is available as a hardcover, softcover and in electronic form. It would make a great present this Christmas. To

order, go to-

<http://au.blurb.com/b/8212327-secret-sky>

To remind yourselves of the movie, it is on YouTube- search Tarwin Lower Indigenous, or follow this link;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rvj_Sr6StoA

We thank Ben for all his hard work, and his on-going support of the school.

No Power = Nothing Works!

I emailed parents on Friday with the news that there will be NO electricity on **Wednesday the 25th of October** for the whole day.

This means that there is no lighting, no heating or cooling. There will also be no way to contact the school, especially in an emergency, as the internet and phones will not be working. It also means that there will be no water as the pumps can't operate – meaning no drinking water and no operational toilets.

The school has to remain open, however if you believe that these are not the best conditions for your child to be in, you may opt to keep them at home, so they can at least go to the toilet! If your child does not attend on this day, they will not be marked as absent.

The Education Department will not allow the school to close, however I believe parents need to be fully informed of the situation, so as to make a decision that best suits their child.

Junior Athletics

On Friday the 27th of October the Prep, 1 and 2 students will be involved in the Junior Athletics. This is to be held on the oval at Foster Secondary College. Students need to arrive by 9.30am and the day will conclude at 2pm. There will be a rotation of modified fun events. A timetable of events will be given out soon.

Our students will be “competing” with students from Tarwin Valley, Fish Creek, Foster, Toora and Welshpool Primary



School to prepare them for future athletics events starting in grade 3.

At the end of the day, please see Ms Carbone or Ms Dye to have your child signed out before taking them home.

Parents are to arrange transport for their children to attend. Please note; there is no back up day for the Junior Aths if it rains.

The canteen will be open for parents only, it has been suggested by the College to pre-order lunch to avoid the lunchtime rush period. Orders should be made before 10am. A coffee cart will be available also. Parents and families are welcome to bring along chairs and picnic blankets, a picnic lunch and snacks to share with your children at the lunch break.

There will be no scoring system and no ribbons awarded on the day. The day is all about having a go, being a part of a team, connecting with students from other schools and enjoying ourselves, in preparation for competition athletics in Grades 3-6. More information will be available next term.

Archie and Skylá will also be there on the day as Student Leader Helpers- I know they will do a brilliant job.

Sunny Days

We are a Sun Smart school. This means that all students and staff are expected to wear a hat when outside. Students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat. Please remember to label the inside of your child's hat, as they are easily misplaced. There are two size small hats available in the office for free. Students can also bring their own sunscreen to school if they wish. Overexposure to UV during childhood and adolescence is a major factor in determining future skin cancer risk. Melanoma is the

most common cancer in young Australians aged 13-24 years.



Walk to School

Every morning we go for a walk in Tarwin Lower for no more than 15 minutes. We leave at exactly 9am, please ensure your child is at school by this time. It is a great way to start the day- to enjoy the lovely weather and a chance to stretch the legs before the learning and teaching begins.



Breakfast



We have just had another delivery of Breakfast Food! As you can see from the photo, we have a huge amount. If you are able to volunteer for the breakfast program on any day (except Mondays), please please let us know. It is a simple job, all you need is a WWCC.



Supporting Parents

Kids Matter resources are available to borrow from the office foyer. Please just borrow and return when you have finished. The books include some of the sheets that have been published in the newsletter. They are there to support you, so please take advantage of this resource.



Sharing Table

Our vegetable garden is overflowing with produce. We will use some of it in the cooking program, however what we don't use will be placed onto the table. Please make use of this fresh produce so it does not go to waste.



Student Leaders

At the beginning of each term, there are new Student Leaders. This term we have Zak and Ollie as our new leaders. They have started well, with running a great assembly on Friday.



Code Red

Our school is on the Bush Fire At-Risk Register (BARR). This means that if the next day is declared a Code Red, our school will be closed. Parents will be notified with letters and emails.



It also means that your family should be discussing what they should do in an event of a bushfire. Venus Bay only has one road in/out- if this is cut off, does your family know what to do and where to go? We want our school community to be safe, please have these conversations now.

We have a large green waste pile in our oval. As well as looking unsightly, it is a fire and snake hazard. To prevent future piles occurring we need a small trailer, so the green waste can be disposed of in a timely manner. If you know of anyone who may have a trailer they no longer need, please let us know.

Can We Contact You?

At the school we need to be able to contact you in case of an emergency. Please check that we have your recent details, this can be done on Compass.



Open Garden

This weekend there is an Open Garden at Venus Bay, please see the attached flyer. The school is catering this event, and we thank Tracey Robertson and Simone McGrath for volunteering to serve people drinks and snacks.

Chookens!



Our lovely chickens are nameless and so we are looking for some suggestions with names. If you or your child has some great names, please write them down and place it into our letterbox in the Middle Room.

Help Needed

Do you have two or three morning or afternoons free a term? We are setting up a Buildings and Grounds Committee, and would love to have some extra support. The committee will share ideas on how to beautify our school grounds and to get quotes. It doesn't involve weeding (unless you want to!)

School Council

Thank you again to all our parents who are on School Council. We have had another productive meeting last night.

School Council ratified many policies, including our Statement of Values, which is attached to this newsletter. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Lunches Term 4

Are you able to help with Friday lunches? Please see below for when people are needed. If you can help, please let Lindy know by either email or phone.

Please remember that the money for lunches is due on **Thursday**, as we buy ingredients Thursday night so we can cater for all students. If money is bought to school on Friday, we can not guarantee that there will be enough lunch for them.

Lunch is \$3.00

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2	4/5/6 – corn fritters and salad
3	None – Junior Aths
4	
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6	
7	
8	1/2/3 - TBC
9	None - Swimming
10	None - Swimming
11	BBQ on Thursday



Congratulations!

Award for Giving Encouragement



Golden Leaf People – being recognised by their peers for following the school values.



Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday.

- ☺ Marshall turned 6
- ☺ Luca turned 7
- ☺ Georgie turned 8
- ☺ Mick turned 10

School Bank Details

ACC 151500626
BSB 633108

All photos of what is happening at school is on our Facebook site.



Keep up to date with your child's learning on Compass.





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Open Garden - Illabunda

This garden in Venus Bay is called Illabunda which means *Place of Swallows*.

This large coastal block has a significant, remnant old growth forest of *Eucalyptus viminalis* ssp. *pyoriana* (Coast Manna Gum). The long driveway on this beautiful and tranquil property winds through *Banksia integrifolia* bushland towards Anderson Inlet.



Closer to the house, grassy areas open up around huge, sculptural eucalypts which are underplanted with garden beds which feature a wide range of Australian plants: thomasias, correas, stylidiums, grevilleas, acacias (including two *leprosa* 'Scarlet Blaze'), and many smaller banksias (including *baueri*, *speciosa*, *praemorsa*) are some of the plant genera that thrive here.

There are also groves of young casuarina and 'moonah' (*Melaleuca lanceolata*) and a large fenced productive area with raised beds. An extensive nursery area produces many of the 7000 plants that are added to the garden each year. Around the house, with its views towards the inlet, are sculptures, potted plants and grasses. Planting also extends into the inlet walk at the rear of the property, as the owners want to reinstate the indigenous species wherever possible.



This property has a warm and welcoming 'feel'; it clearly reflects the owners' love of the whole environment in which it sits.

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October 2017

10am-4:30pm

Entry price \$8 (U18 free) Students \$5

For more information or to get directions please visit

www.opengardensvictoria.org.au



For Your Calendar

Term 4

Saturday and Sunday 21 st and 22 nd October	Open Garden in Venus Bay
Wednesday 25 th October	NO Power – students will not be marked absent for not attending this day
Thursday 26 th October	Transition for 2018 Preps 9-11am
Friday 27 th October	Junior Athletics Day (P/1/2) at Foster
Monday 30 th to Friday 3 rd November	Book Club Books at School Buy One, Get One Free!
Tuesday 31 st October	Kids Matter Action Team
Monday 6 th November	Curriculum Day – No School
Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 8 th November	Transition for 2018 Preps 9-11am
Wednesday 22 nd November	Transition for 2018 Preps 9-11am
Monday 4 th December	Volunteers Morning Tea
Tuesday 5 th December	State Wide Transition - 2018 Preps 9-11am, 2018 Year 7's all day
Wednesday 6 th December	Transition to LSC all day
Wednesday 6 th December	Swimming
Friday 7 th December	Swimming
Monday 11 th December	Swimming
Wednesday 13 th December	Swimming
Friday 15 th December	Swimming
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas/Graduation Concert