

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School
Small School, Big Opportunities

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Principal's Report

Our School Peer Review occurred last term, and we are thrilled with the findings. It was a very intensive yet rewarding experience. Having two days was a great opportunity to reflect on the school's journey for the past three years.

Every government school in Victoria undertakes the process at least every four years. Our Review consisted of going through our School Self-Evaluation and reflecting on our achievements and our school-wide results. It was certainly a time to celebrate the successes our students, staff and school have achieved these past three years.

The Review will help to plan our strategic goals and targets for the next four years. Staff and students were a part of this review. I was extremely pleased with the level of professionalism our staff showed during our Review, and I was exceptionally proud of our students for the way they answered questions from the panel members.

Comments by our Accredited School Reviewer stated Tarwin Lower Primary School;

- has achieved its goal to improve student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy.

- whole school approaches to Phonics, Writing and Mathematics had provided consistency of teaching and curriculum across the school.
- had increased student motivation.
- the opportunities for student leadership and participation in decision making through Junior School Council developed confidence in students.
- improved student pride in the school.
- shared values that underpinned consistent approaches to wellbeing across the school and this provided students with the language, attitudes and skills to develop resilience.

Of concern continues to be "Student absence rates increased from 14 average days per student in 2014 to 21 average days per student in 2016."

The Review Summary is published on the school website.

I am excited and eager to continue to build upon our successes. We have come a long way in three years, and I know the next four years will be even better. I'm looking forward to working with you to make our school the best learning environment for our children.



Jenni Cox

Principal



Junior Athletics

I have had fantastic feedback from parents and students about the Junior Aths on Friday. This is the second time we have run a CILA Junior Aths, and we continue to strive for improvements.

It is a great opportunity for the students to meet other students in the area their age in a relaxed and fun environment.

I am very proud of all our students, including our leaders who helped out on the day – Archie and Skyla. Unfortunately, Ms Dye and Ms Carbone were so busy with their group, we have no photos for the newsletter! If you have photos of our students (we can't publish students from other schools) please send them to the school email address.

Start of School

The teaching and learning of the students starts at 9 o'clock. This is when the lesson is introduced and explained. The music to put bags away and get prepared for the day is at 8.50am. This ten minutes is vital for students to be organised and socialise and catch up with friends.

Please ensure your child has the best start to the day by having them at school by 8.50am. This will also enable the students in the class not to be distracted from their learning by late comers.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter, as I do realise we all want the best for our children.

Can You Help?

Breakfast

A simple job that takes less than an hour out of your day. Please let us know if you can

volunteer – all you need is a WWCC and to be at school before 8.40am.

Trailer

A small trailer that can be kept at school to dispose of green waste, to reduce the fire and snake hazard.

Buildings and Grounds

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!)

Covering Books

If you can't help at school, here is a job that you can do at home! We have books waiting to be contacted, so they can go into the library for the kids to borrow. Please let me know if you can help.



Book Fair

All this week there are books in the office for you to purchase. It is a buy one, get one free deal! A good plan to be organised for when you-know-who comes on the last day in his fire truck! As he gives each child a book as a present.

Transition

We had our first transition day with the 2018 Preps on Thursday. It was wonderful to see them slot so easily into the school and complete some lovely work. They even had an Art lesson with Ms Carmen. Their next transition date is in one week.



Chookens!

Junior School Council reviewed the chicken names that had been suggested at their last meeting. Their decision for names is Pom-Pom, Muffin, Fluffy and Snow White (Snowy).

School Community Dinner

Take a night off from the cooking and come to The Cavity in Venus Bay for a social pizza night. Join us from 6pm onwards, **Thursday the 2nd of November**, and catch up with other families before the end of year craziness begins. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can make sure Jordan and Linda are able to cater for all – please pay on the night.

TLPS School Council.

Emails

In our recent class newsletters, we included email addresses that went directly to the teacher. Unfortunately, there has been a glitch in the system, and we cannot receive the emails sent! Our I.T. man Berend is trying to resolve this issue. We will keep you informed of our progress. Thank you to Jackie (Niamh and Leithan's mum) for alerting us to this situation.

Volunteers Morning Tea



To all parents, carers and community members. If you have helped the school and students in any way this past year – whether it be on School Council, doing lunches, BBQs, reading, or any other way, we invite you to a Morning Tea on Monday the 4th of December in the Senior Classroom at 11am. This is to say thank you for generously donating your time to support the students

of the school. Without you, our school would not be able to provide such wonderful opportunities.

Swimming

All students have taken home their swimming forms. Swimming lessons are given by qualified instructors at SPLASH Leongatha. All students from Prep to Grade 6 have five hour long lessons.

Swimming is essential for all children, especially considering we live so close to the water. Children need to know how to survive in the water so they don't become one of the growing statistics - *for every drowning death, 3 children are admitted to hospital following immersion. For every 5 children admitted to hospital, 1 child will be left with severe or persisting neurological impairment* (www.swimandsurvive.com.au).

These lessons are subsidised by Sporting Schools. They would otherwise be \$70 per student, instead of just \$25 per student. Please remember you can pay via direct debit, some families still have CSEF money they can allocate. Keeping our students safe is our priority, especially coming into this Summer period.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing with items. Please check the box – it is now at the office- for lost clothing items.

Icy Poles

JSC is selling icy poles for students every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They are 50c each. They have recently purchased new table tennis items with their money, and its been great to see the kids playing during recess and lunchtime.



Newsletters

We try to keep all letters and newsletters to parents to a Wednesday. This is to help you to know when to expect paperwork from school. If you miss the newsletter, it is on our website and spare copies are in the office. If you lose a permission form, please let us know immediately, as these are individualised and need to be printed by Lindy.

CFA Open Day

Please see attached to this newsletter about the open day at Venus Bay this Sunday. There is a sausage sizzle for all. It would also be a good idea to discuss your fire plan with the volunteers, and find out why the plan of “going to the beach” is a dangerous plan for your family. Be Prepared=Be Safe.



Helping children learn positive friendship skills

Importance of children’s friendships

At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children’s friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends.

Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

How friendships develop and change

Friendships require give and take. By sharing toys, time, games, experiences and feelings, children learn that they can have their social needs met and can meet the needs of others. Since friendships develop through this kind of mutual exchange, close friendships are usually based on well-matched needs.

Children’s friendship needs and skills change as they grow. Similarly, children’s ideas about friendship change as they develop. This is reflected in the different kinds of activities that children like to spend time doing with their friends at different ages. The table below indicates the ways children tend to describe close friends and the kinds of skills that support positive friendships as they develop.

Approximate age	A friend is someone who...	Friendship skills include...
Up to 1 yr		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> looking, smiling, touching, imitating
1–2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plays with you has good toys can do fun things 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifying friend by name
3–5 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does something that pleases you you know better than other people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> playing well in a twosome approaching others to join in
5–7 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> helps and looks after you you help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> taking others’ feelings into account seeing others’ viewpoint
8–10 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> plays fair – follows the rules talks and shares interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> talking and listening to each other forming groups with similar interests
10–12 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> trusts you and is trustworthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sharing confidences negotiating respecting one another
12–18 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> understands you and who you understand you can talk to about feelings or problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> talking about personal and social issues supporting one another

More information sheets are available in the office to borrow.



Congratulations!



Award for Caring to Celeste, Island, Georgie and Marshall.

Special Award for having a fabulous first week at TLPS to Niamh and Leithan.



Golden Leaf Recipients – being recognised by their peers for following the school values are Zak, Luca, Yara and Brodie.

No School

Just a reminder that there is no school on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November, due to Melbourne Cup.

Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday.

- ☺ Riley turned 10
- ☺ Kye turned 11
- ☺ Ollie turned 12

School Bank Details

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BSB 633108



IT IS OUR
CHOICES
THAT SHOW US
WHAT WE TRULY
ARE FAR
MORE THAN
ABILITIES
ALBUS DUMBLEDORE



NOTICE
Tarwin Lower & District Fire Brigade



**Venus Bay Satellite Station
CFA Open Station
Sunday November 5th
Time: 10AM-12 noon
Melbourne Cup Weekend**

An Invitation

**The Tarwin Lower & District Fire Brigade welcomes
you to a community open station at their**

Venus Bay Satellite Station
190 Lees Road, Venus Bay

**on Sunday 5 November
for the 2017-2018 Bushfire season.**

- ***Come meet neighbours***
- Be advised on Fire Awareness for the neighbourhood
- Update yourself on the latest CFA advice and Seasonal Updates
- Listen to community news and get to know your local volunteers

- Tea and Coffee Available
- Sausage Sizzle
- Time: 10AM-12 noon
- Where: CFA Fire Shed at Venus Bay

See you there!



Friday Lunches

Term 4 2017

DATE	MENU	CHEF HELPERS
3rd Nov	Basticho (Greek Lasagne)	<u>Kally Alexandrou</u> Mav, Mick, Leithan
10th Nov	Grade 1/2/3 Surprise	<u>Ms Dye & Grade 1/2/3</u>
17th Nov	Ricotta Cakes	<u>Maria Remova</u> Niamh, Archie, Island
24th Nov	Hot Chicken & Cheese Rolls	<u>Kylie Bright</u> Paddy, Darcel, Raff
1st Dec	Roasted Pita Rolls (ham, cheese, tomato, dill)	<u>Maria Remova</u> Kye, Georgie, Kodie
8th Dec	SWIMMING - NO LUNCH ORDERS	
15th Dec	SWIMMING - NO LUNCH ORDERS	
21st Dec (Thursday)	SANTA VISIT AND BBQ	Cost to be advised

All meals cost \$3.00 per student.

Orders must be handed in to the office on Thursday morning. Please place correct money in an envelope with students name.

You can pay in advance for the rest of the term if you wish. Cost will be \$15.00. Please send cash or cheque to school or pay by direct deposit. Bank account details are in this newsletter. Please clearly identify payment.

The students named above will assist with the preparation and serving of lunches on the assigned days. Parents are welcome to come along and assist when their child is cooking. It is a DET requirement that you have a current Working With Children Check.

Please keep this menu on the Fridge for handy reference.



For Your Calendar

Monday 30 th to Friday 3 rd November	Book Club Books at School Buy One, Get One Free!
Thursday 2 nd November	School Community Dinner @The Cavity from 6pm
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
Thursday 23 rd November	School Council Dinner
Monday 4 th December	Volunteers Morning Tea
Wednesday 6 th December	Swimming
Friday 7 th December	Swimming
Monday 11 th December	Swimming
Tuesday 12 th December	State Wide Transition - 2018 Preps 9-11am, 2018 Year 7's all day
Wednesday 13 th December	LSC transition – all day
Wednesday 13 th December	Swimming
Friday 15 th December	Swimming
Monday 18 th December	Activities Day
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas/Graduation Concert
Thursday 21 st December	Ho Ho Ho. We are getting a visitor to the school!!