

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School  
Small School, Big Opportunities

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## Principal's Report

When your child leaves Tarwin Lower Primary School, what would you like them to have learnt, what sort of person would you like them to be?

I would guess that every parent would include literacy and numeracy in their response – but what else would you say? What sort of behaviours would you like your child to have?

At Tarwin Lower Primary School, we strive to ensure all students achieve their full potential in literacy and mathematics. We do this through all teachers working together to monitor student progress and implementing strategies to best support or extend all our students.

However, this in itself does not guarantee future success. We also want our students to be confident and enthusiastic learners by encouraging them to believe they can do well at school, and that trying hard and doing their best is important.

We want our school to be a positive experience, with a nurturing environment for our students to develop confidence, social skills and healthy life habits.

We allow time for our students to apply what they have learnt into the real world by doing everyday things like cooking,

gardening, playing sport, learning about the environment and knowing vital first aid skills.

Through the positive school environment, students are learning how to be resilient – which is the key to helping them survive the ups and downs in life. We believe it is important that the students at our school are taught emotional literacy. We teach children that it's okay to feel sad or mad, but it's not okay to stay there. Being able to articulate how you are feeling can help stem some negative behaviours later on in life.

The building blocks for successful individuals is for students to feel safe and secure at school and at home. It is important that they are participating in a stimulating learning environment and they are resilient, optimistic, confident and have social and emotional skills.

This is our mission at Tarwin Lower Primary and we thank you for entrusting us to teach your child.



*Jenni Cox*

Principal

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



## Can You Help?

The saying of many hands make light work could not be truer in a small school. We continue to need assistance in;

- Breakfast
- Buildings and Grounds
- Covering Books

A huge THANK YOU to Kylie Bright and family for removing some of the green waste in our school on the weekend. A priority with the hot weather here.

## Transition

The last Transition Day for 2017 is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am – 11.00am. This is the statewide Transition Day. All 2018 Prep students will attend their chosen schools and all 2018 Year 7 students will attend their chosen Secondary College.

All parents of our 2018 preps are invited to attend an information meeting in the staffroom at 9.00am. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have and also meet other parents and have a chat over a cuppa.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

## Come and Help Us Celebrate!!!!

The book version of The Secret Sky will be launched on **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>** at **6.30pm** at the Venus Bay Community Centre. This is the paper version of the digital book that the students made with Ben Everett earlier this year. Please come along and support Ben and the students. Hard and Soft cover books will be on sale on the night or they can be ordered.

## Be Safe This Summer

Due to the location of our school, we are required to close on designated Code Red days. With above average temperatures and lower than average rainfall expected over the summer period we are looking at a dangerous fire season. Please keep informed and up to date on conditions in our area and take note of the contacts below. Parents will be notified prior to a predicted Code Red day of our school closure.



- Life-threatening Emergencies **Triple Zero (000)**
- Vic Emergency Website
  - <http://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/>
  - Vic Emergency App
- Vic Emergency Hotline **1800 226 226**
- CFA Website – [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)





## Performance for all Students!



Androcles and the Lion will be performed by the Leongatha Lyric Theatre for all students on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

It is about Androcles, a Roman slave who, unintentionally ran away from his master. In the forest, he saw a lion with a thorn stuck in his paw. Kind Androcles plucked out the thorn and released the lion from pain. They became friends until Androcles was captured. As a punishment for fleeing, Androcles was taken to Rome and thrown into a pit to be eaten by a lion. *What will happen next?*

There is no charge for this performance.

## Christmas Concert/Graduation



The annual Christmas Concert / Grade 6 Graduation evening is

on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.30pm**. It will be held at the Tarwin Football/Netball Clubrooms, Recreation Reserve, Walkerville Road Tarwin Lower. Students will perform music, songs and skits they have learnt in their music classes with Mr Chambers. Graduating grade 6 students will make a speech and they traditionally present a favourite book to the school to become part of our library.

This year, all students are asked to wear bright and colourful clothing for the concert. Parents, siblings, grandparents and friends are all invited to come along to the concert evening.

After the students have performed, there will be tea/coffee/water available as well as yummy treats for supper. All school families are asked to please bring along a plate of food to share for supper.

**Students should arrive at the clubrooms at 6.15pm for a 6.30 start.**

## First Aid In Schools

The students were learning lifesaving skills last week – from ringing 000 to learning CPR. Students need to know at least one phone number and their address; unfortunately, some students still do not know these crucial facts. Please help your child learn this information, you never know when they may need to use it, and it could help to save a life.

## Swimming

Just a reminder to pay for each of your children for swimming lessons later this term. The cost is \$25 each.

This is substantially reduced for all families. Unfortunately, students cannot participate if they have not paid.

## End of Term BBQ and visit from Santa

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December we will have an end of term bbq lunch and a visit from Santa.

Parents are asked to bring a wrapped and clearly labelled book to the office to be included in Santa's sack for every student and their siblings (if you wish). Please bring in your wrapped books as soon as possible to avoid last minute panics. Families of students who will be commencing with us next year are also invited to attend.





### Congratulations!



Achievement Award to Reeve, Tyler, Mick, Island



Leaves! Georgie and Ryan.

Well Done!

### Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday.

Darcel turned 6!  
Addie turned 7!  
Eddie turned 8!

### School Bank Details

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BSB 633108





## For Your Calendar

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Volunteers Morning Tea @11am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council Dinner @6.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	State Wide Transition 2018 Preps 9-11am / LSC Year 7's all day Book Launch at VBCC @6.30pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	LSC transition – all day Swimming Androcles and the Lion performance
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Activities Day – students can bring a board game to play.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Rehearsals for Concert
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas/Graduation Concert @6.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Ho Ho Ho. We are getting a visitor to the school!! BBQ Lunch
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	No formal classes. Cleaning Day. Finish at 1.30pm