

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School  
Small School, Big Opportunities

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Newsletter No. 18

## Principal's Report

As the end of the year draws to an end, I am so proud of the achievements and accomplishments of students at Tarwin Lower Primary School.

These have been made possible with your support and through the dedication of our staff who work tirelessly to provide opportunities for all our young people to grow and learn. Your partnership, as families, has been invaluable and I am grateful for your commitment.

It has been another excellent term and students in all classes have been working hard to achieve their best. A range of events and activities have taken place recently and they are featured in detail in the newsletter.

I would like to thank Carmen Piacquadio for all her work this term in the 4/5/6 class and as the Art teacher. She has always gone above and beyond for the benefit of the students.

We have some changes in teaching staff next year, and I would like to give a warm welcome to Ms Renee Pilkington, who is a highly regarded and dedicated teacher in South Gippsland. Ms Renee Pilkington and myself will be working closely together next year and I look

forward to creating a vibrant curriculum with her in grade 2/3.

Ms Jackie Dye and Ms Freya Carbone will continue on at Tarwin Lower Primary, and working with such innovative people is constantly inspiring. Ms Jackie Dye will be teaching Prep and Grade 1, and Ms Freya Carbone will be teaching the senior class. Our specialists will remain the same as this year.

At this stage we will be welcoming 8 new Prep students, as well as other new students arriving. It is estimated we will have 52 students in 2018. Next year is already shaping up as an exciting time full of new learning and experiences.

I hope all our school community has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year break, and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.



*Jenni Cox*

Principal

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A huge THANK YOU Peta Dobson who covered some of books, ready to go into the library for the students to borrow next year.

### Transition

We had our last transition day of the year yesterday. Here are some of our Prep students with their new t-shirts. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for the purchase of these – they look great!



We had the Leongatha Lyric Theatre visit us today and present their play. It was lots of fun. See our Facebook page for more photos.

### Christmas Concert/Graduation



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, we will be holding our annual Christmas Concert and Graduation Evening at the Tarwin Lower Football Clubrooms. Students will perform music and skits that they have learnt with Mr Chambers. Please have your child at the clubrooms by 6.15pm so they can be ready to start at 6.30. All students are asked to dress in bright colours.

After the concert, we will have supper. Can all school families please bring a plate of something yummy to share with everyone?

### Sausage Sizzle

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December we will be having a sausage sizzle at school at 1.30pm to celebrate the end of the school year. Sausages will be \$1.50 each. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us.

After lunch, at approx. 2.30pm Santa will arrive on the fire truck to hand out gifts to all the children.

### 2018

Please note the calendar at the end of the newsletter for Term 1 dates, 2018. This includes when to pick up books, first day for students and school photos. Put it on the fridge to keep it handy for next year ☺

### School Council

We have had our last meeting for the year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the school councillors for giving up their time to ensure that the students at our school have the best teaching and learning.

- Justine Irvine (President)



- Tracey Robertson (Vice President)
- Simone McGrath (Secretary)
- Kylie Laing
- Vanessa Fisher
- Jarrod Headlam
- Robyn Scouller (part)
- Kylie Bright (part)
- Owen Deppler
- Freya Carbone

### Book Launch

It was fantastic to see so many parents and students at the Book Launch at VBCC last night. Ben has already sold out of the hard cover books! I hope to have some of the soft cover books at the school to sell before the end of the year. If



you wanted to buy a hard cover book, you can do this online at;

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



Please send in your raffle tickets by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Raffle will be drawn at the concert evening. A new prize has been added: \$50.00 voucher from The Cavity!!

**Urgent: Please bring in a wrapped and labelled book for your child for Santa to bring on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Statements accompany this newsletter. If you have any outstanding amounts owing to the school please pay these as soon as possible. There will be no further charges this year. Credit amounts (usually CSEF money) will carry forward to next year.

**TARWIN**  
Football Netball Club

Time to think about your fitness goals for 2018!

Recruiting players for all grades  
Netball – A, B, C, U/17, U/15, U/13  
Football – Seniors & Reserves  
Sunday Football - U/14, U/12, U/10

Coaching and other support roles also available if interested.

Follow us on Facebook for details on upcoming events or training.  
Or you can call Riss Falls on 0402 086 614

Auskick (5-12 years old) & NetSetGo (5-10 years old) planned for Term 2  
Register your interest at [tarwinsharks@gmail.com](mailto:tarwinsharks@gmail.com)

*Middle Tarwin Community Hall*  
*Annual Christmas Night*  
*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

BBQ Tea at 6.00pm  
B.Y.O. Sausage/hamburger, salad, bread & drinks

Community Raffle – Xmas Hamper  
Please bring something along to put in the hamper

Christmas Carols start at 7.30pm  
Sing-a-long with the Buffalo Boys

Santa comes at the end of Carols.  
Receivable goods in car with red streamers.  
No donations over \$15.

Bring a plate of supper to share.

Please come along and enjoy our annual community social event for the end of season 2017

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of December is clean-up & set-up day at 10.30am.  
Any queries please call Kylie 0488 634 232 or Liselott 5663 4213.



### Swimming

One last swimming lesson left! I have been hearing some great stories of accomplishments. There were a few students who were unsure of the swimming lessons at the beginning, and I am pleased to say that these students remained positive and did not let uncertainty become a barrier for not having a go. Well done for showing such Resilience (one of our school values).



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## 2018 BOOK LIST & ESSENTIAL STUDENT SUPPLIES

Tarwin Lower Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items which need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable to parents.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS	PREP TO YEAR 6
Individual classroom supplies. **	\$ 56.00
MARC Library Van	\$ 12.00
ICT Programs such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Lesson Zone & Soundwaves	\$ 36.00
Music	\$ 13.00
Corner Inlet Athletics	\$ 8.00
Art Supplies (e.g. paints, paper, glue craft items etc.)	\$ 10.00
Cooking / gardening activities	\$ 8.00
Other Classroom materials (eg. project paper, cover paper, laminating, etc)	\$ 7.00
<b>TOTAL ESSENTIAL ITEMS</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION	
Grounds and Maintenance	\$ 30.00

<b>TOTAL ESSENTIAL ITEMS &amp; VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>
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\*\* An itemised list of individual classroom supplies is available if requested.

- The student stationery/book pack can be collected from school on **Monday 29th JANUARY 2018** between 9.00am – 4.00pm.
- Please label these items with your child's name and return to school on **Wednesday 31st January 2018**, the first day of Term 1 2018.
- Some items of the student stationery pack will be delivered directly to the students classroom to be used as required.
- Please note: Preps will start on Thursday 1st February 2018 and will not attend on Wednesdays until after the March long weekend.



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### **Payment**

Payment for these items must be made before students can take possession.

Please note: We **DO NOT** have EFPTOS or Credit Card facilities available at the school.

Payment can only be made by cheque, or cash on the day (correct change would be appreciated) or direct deposit **prior** to Book Pick Up Day.

Account Name: Tarwin Lower Primary School.  
BSB: 633-108  
Account Number: 151500626

Please quote the following as reference: Books 2018 family name. Eg – Books 2018 Jones. Please print confirmation/receipt and bring with you on the day.

The school appreciates that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting payment requests. A range of support options are available to parents.

- Prior arrangements for instalment payments can be made with the Principal.
- The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund of \$125 per child is available for eligible families who receive Centrelink payments. This is to ensure no child misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, education and fun activities. Please see Lindy in the office for the application form and bring along your Centrelink card.
- State Schools Relief Fund is a registered charity organisation that supplies uniforms, books and stationery to children in Victorian State School who are in need. Please visit [www.ssr.net.au](http://www.ssr.net.au) and speak to Jenni (Principal) or Lindy (Business Manager).

### **Other Information**

- **Family Contact Details Form**

At the beginning of each school year we update our family contact details and emergency contact details. Please complete the Family update form on book pickup day. It is essential you notify us of any change of address or phone numbers throughout the year.

We will also ask for an update of your parent occupation and your highest level of education achieved. This information has a direct impact on the amount of money the school receives to educate your child. It is vital you are accurate and do not exaggerate. The form remains confidential at all times.

- **Local Excursion & Travel Consent , Publicity Consent**

This consent form covers all local travel excursions which we walk to for the year (eg. Recreation Reserve, Mechanics Hall, shops). This avoids the need to send forms home each time we travel locally.

Children's photos, work & names are often used in various types of media, eg. Webpages, emails, wikis, school newsletter, local papers etc. Please note that we have now have a school webpage and Facebook page. It is important that we have parental consent to use your child's work, name (first name only) or photos during the year. A consent form will be available for you to fill in on Book Pick up Day. Consent can be revoked at any time by filling in a new form

- **Uniforms**

Uniforms will be available for purchase (if we have your items in stock) on Book Pick Up Day. Otherwise you can fill out an order form. Second Hand Uniforms will also be available on Book Pick Up Day. These are free. Broad-brimmed hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. Hats are available from the uniform shop.

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the information attached.

Yours Sincerely,

Jenni Cox

Principal.



# Good values guide good behaviour

## I dare you!

“Go on, I dare you!” said Ella. The children were using the neighbour’s fence post for target practice.

Too picked up a stone and took aim. The stone hit the post and then bounced off onto the neighbour’s car breaking the windscreen. “Oh no!” said Tao. “Good shot, Tao!” cheered Ella. “We’re in trouble now,” said Harry. “Come on, let’s go before anyone sees us,” said Tao.

Later that day, their neighbour came over. He wanted to know if anyone had seen what happened to his car. “Do you know anything about it?” asked Harry’s mother. “We don’t know anything about it,” said Ella. But Tao began to cry. “They dared me to do it!” “It wasn’t his fault, Mum,” said Harry. “It was that stupid game!”

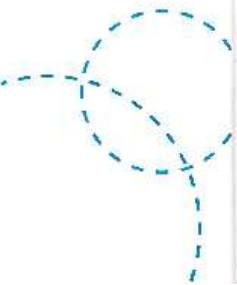
Dare games like this are a common way for children to test the limits that set the boundaries. At the same time, children may feel a sense of challenge and peer pressure. While this kind of behaviour is a normal part of childhood, effective guidance from adults is needed to help children develop skills to make responsible decisions and be stand up to social pressure.

## Influences on children’s social development

Children’s understandings of responsibility are influenced by their families, by school staff, by community members, by other children and also by the things children see and hear in the media. Young children especially watch and copy the attitudes and behaviour of those closest to them.

As children grow older, they become more aware of peer group values and of the behaviours of role models such as sporting heroes or media personalities. They learn to think through and discuss the values and attitudes they observe in others and use themselves. They think about whether decisions that are made are fair or whether someone is being mean to them or to others.

When adults are fair, caring and respectful, children feel a greater sense of trust and belonging. Children are more likely to cooperate with adult guidance when they feel values and respected. By contrast, when children feel they have been treated unfairly, they are less likely to listen and more likely to try to avoid or resist discipline.



## Teaching children values

Values are the inner guide we have for our behaviour. They help us to make choices and to make judgements about what is right and wrong, good or bad, fair or unfair. While cultures differ in their choices, they place on particular values that are central to their identity. In our world, there are many which are common to all cultures like respect, caring and justice.

Parents and carers are children’s first and most important teachers of values. Schools also have a major role to play in teaching values. Some of the ways that schools help children learn positive social values include:

- teaching children how to think, social values and how to behave in ways that are caring, respectful, creative
- teaching cooperative behaviours as well as the classroom and in the playground
- making sure the school’s and its staff’s values are meaningful ways to be positive (VISUALS, SOCIAL, PROUD, OPEN, FRIENDLY, SMART, KIND, RESPONSIBLE, GOALS, OF SERVICE). (Such as: “We’re a school that represents a caring, community projects, etc.)

## How parents and carers can help

Parents and carers can use a range of strategies to help children learn about social values. The following ideas can help:

### Teach by example

Children often learn more from what you do than what you say. Your own behaviour is important for showing children how you would like them to behave. Talking about the reasons for your behaviour can help to make your values and expectations clear.

### Read and discuss stories that demonstrate positive values

Choose children’s stories that reflect the kinds of values you want children to learn. Talk about the story and what can be learnt. You might ask questions like: “How do you think that person felt?” “Why do you think he/she did that?” “Was it a good idea?” “How could he/she have done it better?”

### Check what children are watching on TV

Make sure that the programs children watch and the electronic games they play are suitable for their ages and reflect positive values. Watching violence on television and playing violent video games can lead to aggressive behaviour.

### Teach children to learn from mistakes

Mistakes provide opportunities for learning and reinforcing positive values. Support and acknowledge children when they admit mistakes and help them find ways to make up for them. Ask them to suggest ways of repairing any damage they have caused to relationships, people or property.

### Help children to think about values

Talk with children about the social values and attitudes they encounter in everyday situations and on TV. Encourage children to question and think about social values helps them to be clear about their own values and strengthen their ability to resist pressure from peers, advertising and other media.

Teaching children about values supports their social development. It helps them develop the knowledge and skills they need to play a positive role in society.



This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)





## Congratulations!



Achievement Award to Luca, Yara and Maggie



Lotsa Leaves! Harry, CodyJ, Maggie, Darcel, Niamh and Leithan.

Well Done!

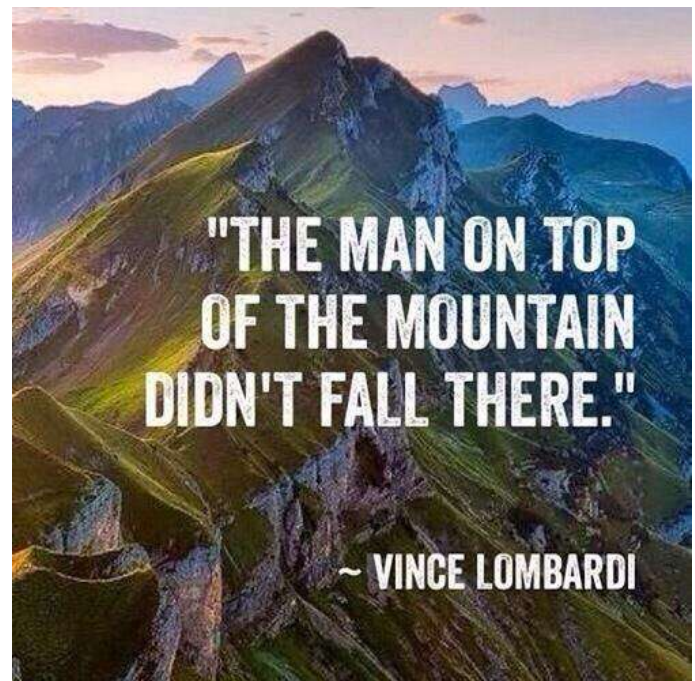
## Happy Birthday

We hope you had (or will have) a great day on your birthday.

Angel turned 11 !  
Reeve will turn 6 !  
Noah will turn 11 !  
Archie will turn 11 !  
Brodie will turn 12 !

## School Bank Details

ACC 151500626  
BSB 633108







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## For Your Calendar

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming- Day 5
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 Reports Home
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	BBQ Lunch @ 1.30pm Ho Ho Ho. We are getting a visitor to the school!! 2.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Cleaning Day. Finish at 1.30pm

**2018**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Book Pick Up 8.30-4pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	No School – Curriculum Day All Staff completing First Aid Course
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	First Day of School for Grade 1-6 students
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	First Day of School for Prep students
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Trials @Toora (TBC)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Council Meeting @6.30pm Elections Open
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School Photos
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Family BBQ @6pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Responsible Pet Ownership
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	No School – Labour Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting @6.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Preps First Wednesday

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