

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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Newsletter No. 5

Principal's Report

Welcome back to another sensational term!

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces flood into school. Everyone looked relaxed and happy to be back, and ready to take on the challenges of another term.

I hope everyone had a wonderful time over the holidays, spending precious time with family and friends.

We have many enriching events planned for this term including Senior Athletics, Book Fair, After School Fun and an excursion to Wilsons Prom.

Our community at Tarwin Lower Primary School is so full of love and support that I know we will have a fantastic term, one that is full of fun, laughter and learning.

I came across the below article which again reiterated the importance of families and schools working together. When we do, children are more likely to build good relationships and do better at school. There are simple things you can do at home, to help your child to be their best.

Happy Reading ☺

Yours Sincerely,

Jenni Cox

Principal.



Helping children learn

Parents play a big role in helping their children 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. Parents can also assist their child with organisation, navigating challenges and solving problems.

Here are some tips and ideas about the little things families can do in their daily routines to help their child's learning.

#1 Aim high – believe in your child's potential



When a parent holds high aspirations for their child, they do better at school. Showing your child that you believe in them and their ability to do their best at school is really powerful – it builds children's confidence

and helps them see themselves as someone who can do well.

Research shows that what parents believe about their child's ability to do well at school is linked to their actual achievements.

- Praise your child for trying hard (not just for doing well).
- Aim high – let your child know you think that learning and school are important and that trying hard matters.
- Discuss children's dreams for the future with them.

#2 Talk with and listen to your child

Spending time talking with your child helps them to learn and grow. Simple ways to do this include talking about what they're learning at school and what they enjoy or find difficult.



- Talk with your child about what's happening at school.
- Ask open questions that encourage discussion.
- Talk with your child about current issues and ideas.
- Ask about friendships and relationships at school. Get to know who their friends are and how they spend their break times.

#3 Learn about the world together

Parents, more than anyone, can help their children enjoy learning new things. Children learn by exploring and finding new interests. Children can learn about the world doing everyday things like cooking, shopping, cleaning, gardening, or playing sport.

- Give your child the opportunity to discover new things, to explore new interests, and to participate in their family, community and culture. These all help to develop a positive attitude towards learning and school.
- Talk about your own learning. Share the message that learning is important at all ages.
- Head out to libraries, museums, free concerts, sporting and cultural events together.

#4 Make reading a family affair



Reading to children from a very early age has a lasting positive effect. Reading together can broaden vocabulary, create an environment for learning together and

give you things talk about later. Having your child read to you is also a safe and nurturing way for children to practise and learn.

- Share stories from or about your own family with your child.
- Read and talk about books and stories with your child.
- Praise your child when they make an effort and keep trying.
- These days, we read more than just books – reading on hand-held devices (eg iPads) also helps to familiarise your child with technology as well as build their reading skills.

#5 Create a good homework environment

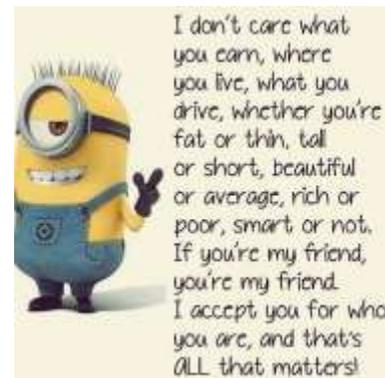
There are a couple of important things you can do to get the most out of homework. One is building your child's confidence and the other is to support them to learn on their own. The ways to help them will change as they get older.

- Create space for homework and try to make homework a calm experience.
- Be available to help if your child has a question.
- Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are doing homework.

#6 Support good relationships

Parents can help children develop friendships and get along with other people, including their teacher. Children enjoy learning and being at school when they have strong friendships.

- Be positive about school and respectful of teachers.
- Support good relationships with friends and classmates.
- If your child has negative experiences at school, you can involve teachers and school staff to help with this.



The full article can be read at;

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/parent-engagement-education/helping-children-learn/helping-children-learn-what-you-can-do-primary-school>



ANZAC Day

Tomorrow there is no school due to ANZAC Day. There will be commemoration at the Tarwin Lower cenotaph at noon (near the roundabout). Riley and Angel will be laying the wreath on behalf on the school, and Archie and Celeste will be reading the ANZAC requiem.

This is only a short service and it would be lovely to see families from the school paying their respects and coming together with the community.

Senior Athletics

On Friday 27th April the grade 3/4/5/6 students will be attending Foster Secondary College for their Athletics Day. Students will be competing in age group with students from the CILA cluster – Welshpool PS, Toora PS, Foster PS, Fish Creek PS and Tarwin Valley PS.

We wish all our students good luck and we hope you have fun competing. A notice for these students has gone out today with more information.

The Junior Athletics day for P/1/2 students will be held in Term 4.

Winter Sports

The grade 5/6 students will be competing in Winter Sports this term. Students have the opportunity to play either Netball, Football or Mixed Sports.

Please see the attached calendar for the dates and schools. The sports sessions run from 1.40-2.40pm. Parents to arrange transport for the dates we are at Fishy PS and TVPS.

Students from these three sessions will be selected to compete in the Lightning Premiership on the 1st June.

Lunches

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to make school lunches. If you are able to volunteer, please let us know. The menu will be sent home next week.

Mother's Day

Thank you to Aunty Kylie who has volunteered to help run the Mother's Day stall – however she cannot do it all alone! If you can help, please let us know.

We are asking all parents to donate items for the Mother's Day Stall. They just need to be inexpensive items or things that you no longer need. Items will be priced from 50 cents upward to \$5.00. We hope to have lots of different presents for the students to choose from. Please bring your donations to the office.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase items from the Mother's Day Stall on Friday 11th May. Students can bring up to a maximum of \$5.00 to spend at the stall.

Wear What You Wish

Well done everyone – we raised \$58.05 for the Make a Wish Foundation on the last day of school.



As part of the day, the students wrote about what sort of future they wished for. All the student photos and responses are in the foyer of the office.

Garden helpers needed!

As part of our holistic approach to teaching at Tarwin Lower Primary School, we value opportunities to have students working outdoors in our garden. In the garden students learn important



skills such as: an appreciation of nature, problem solving skills, cooperation and resilience. We are committed to improving our school garden and would love help from our families. If you are interested in helping out in our school garden, please come and speak with the teachers. The grade 2/3 class would love to have helpers on Wednesday morning from 9-10am.

In keeping with our schools Child Safe Policy, all volunteers need a valid Working With Children Check.

Easter Raffle

We raised a whopping \$501.25 From the Easter raffle!! Thank you to all parents who bought tickets. Well done to the lucky winners;

- Arthur Fisher
- Aymish
- McGrath family

Christmas Child

Please see the attached letter from Doreen Western and the impact your generosity had on children in Cambodia, Thailand, PNG and Vietnam. I am very proud of our school community helping to send special items to children in poverty. We really can make a positive difference to both our community and the world.



Supporting Parents



Here is a website, Facebook site, etc that may interest parents.

“A Mighty Girl is the world’s largest collection of books, toys, and movies for parents, teachers and others dedicated to raising smart, confident, and courageous girls.

“Girls do not have to be relegated to the role of sidekick or damsel in distress; they can be the

leaders, the heroes, the champions that save the day, find the cure, and go on the adventure. It is our hope that these high-quality children’s products will help a new generation of girls to grow and pursue whatever dreams they choose -- to truly be Mighty Girls!”

Information can be found at www.amightygirl.com, Pinterest (amightygirl), Twitter (@amightygirl) and FaceBook.

If you have a website that parents may find useful, please let us know and we will include it in the newsletter.

Attendance Awards.

Congratulations to all the recipients on Friday who received attendance awards. These students had two or less days away last term.

At Tarwin Lower Primary School, we promote **100%** attendance by:

- * Raising awareness throughout the community on the importance and power of education in regards to improving the future opportunities and pathways for all students.
- * Communicating school expectations clearly and frequently to students and parents.
- * Providing challenging learning programs to promote student engagement in learning.
- * Closely monitoring student attendance, late arrivals and early departures; and
- * Recognising outstanding attendance of individual students for each term.





Congratulations to David, Archie and Darcel for their award on Friday – co-operating during learning time.



All students who received an Attendance Award were in the raffle to win great prizes. Congratulations to Noah, Georgie and Perry.

School Bank Details

BSB 633108

ACC 151500626

Thank You....

Thanks to Vanessa, Kylie B., Kylie L., and Suzanne Palmer (ex-parent) for working at the recent Clearing Sale, providing food for the hungry farmers and families. Just under \$700.00 was raised.

Music is a great way to start the day

We have recently changed our music for the beginning of the day (Imagine Dragons – Believer). We can have a different song for each day. If you have a song that you think everyone would like, please bring a copy of it on USB/CD.

Happy Birthday

- David** **Ms Dye**
- Zak** **Island**
- Lucy** **Harry**
- Olivia**



Keep up to date with everything that is happening at the school on Facebook.

Recent Facebook updates;

- Working together to add sand to our sandpit
- Grade 2/3 making ANZAC biscuits
- P/1/2 art experiments



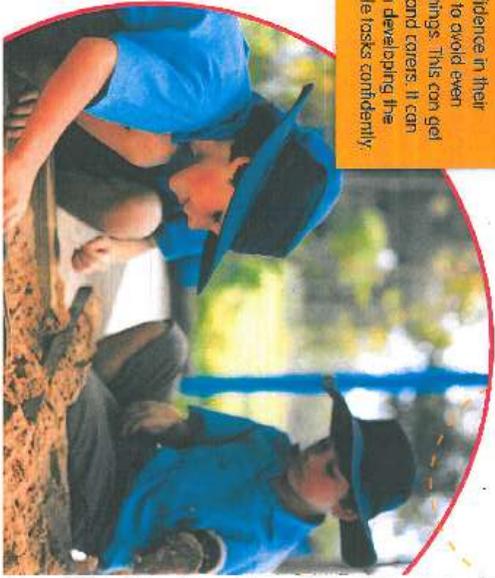
Supporting children's confidence

Mario really likes football but he's not sure about playing with the local team. He thinks, "I'm not as good as the other children are. What if they don't pass the ball to me? What if I drop it?" Mario often slips himself from having a go at new things. He doesn't want to look silly.

He would rather let others go first so he can watch what they do. At school when the teacher asks him a question he often says, "I don't know," even if he does know the answer. Mario doesn't want to get things wrong. When he makes a mistake on his homework he gives up and says, "I can't do it!"

His parents want him to try. "You've got to have a go," his dad says, "otherwise, how will you learn?"

Children who lack confidence in their abilities sometimes try to avoid even having a go at some things. This can get frustrating for parents and carers. It can also stop children from developing the skills they need to tackle tasks confidently.



How confidence develops

For most children, starting school means spending more time on learning and less on play. It also means more expectations of them—from parents, carers, school staff and also from themselves.

Primary school children typically start out with high expectations. When they see how well they do things compared to others, their view of their own abilities often changes. They hear that they are good at some things and not so good at others. They also see how other children and school staff respond to what they do. These things influence children's confidence in their abilities. They also influence how willing they are to have a go in situations where they feel unsure.

How parents and carers can help

- Confidence improves through building on small successes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:
- explaining to children that skills develop with practice
- encouraging children to persist when they don't succeed straight away
- praising effort, persistence and improvement
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down large tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.



Encouraging children to have a go and valuing individual improvement support children's confidence.

Confident thinking

Self-esteem is an important part of confidence. Having good self-esteem means succeeding and feeling positive about yourself. Confidence is not just feeling good but also knowing you are good at something.

Particular ways of thinking are very important for building confidence. Helpful ways of thinking include:

- believing that, if you try, you can succeed
- finding positive ways to cope with things that encourage having a go
- enjoying learning for its own sake by comparing with your own performance rather than that of others
- making sure that goals are achievable by breaking down big tasks or responsibilities into small steps
- being ready to help when necessary, without taking over.

Dealing with disappointment

Everybody fails to achieve their goals sometimes. Parents and carers (and school staff) can help by:

- responding sympathetically and with encouragement (eg "That was disappointing, but at least you had a go.")
- helping children focus on what they can change to make things better, rather than thinking that the situation is unchangeable or that there is something wrong with them (eg "What can you try that might make that work better next time?")
- challenging "I can't" thinking by showing and saying you believe in them and reminding them of what they have achieved.

Optimistic thinking recognises what has been achieved more than what is lacking. It looks at the glass as half-full rather than half-empty.

Parents and carers can help children focus on their own effort and on achieving personal goals as the best way to measure success.

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

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For Your Calendar

Term 2 2018

Wednesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day – no school ANZAC Memorial at Tarwin Lower- school captains to read requiem
Thursday 26 th April	South Gippsland Student Leaders' Conference @Korumburra Showgrounds. Six grade 5/6 students attending.
Friday 27 th April	Senior Athletics (grade 3-6) at Foster Secondary College. Playgroup Bookclub orders due today
Friday 4 th May	Senior Winter Sports (@TLPS) Playgroup Uniform Orders due today
Tuesday 8 th May	School Council Meeting @6.30pm
Friday 11 th May	Mother's Day Stall Playgroup
Tuesday 15 th – 17 th May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 th May	Senior Winter Sports (@TVPS) Playgroup
Friday 25 th May	Senior Winter Sports (@FCPS) Playgroup
Thursday 31 st May	Reconciliation Performance – whole school incursion
Friday 1 st June	Corner Inlet Winter Sports Day – selected senior students Playgroup
Thursday 7 th June – 21 st June	Book Fair – runs for two weeks
Friday 8 th June	After School Fun – P/1 students stay at school until 7.00pm, Grade 2-6 students have a sleep over.
Monday 11 th June	Queen's Birthday – No School
Tuesday 12 th June	School Council Meeting @6.30pm
Thursday 14 th June	Burke and Wills Show – whole school incursion



24th April 2018

Register Today



TARWIN SHARKS ENG

Starting: Term 2 Thursday 19th May 5pm-6pm

Where: Tarwin Lower Rec Reserve

Program Duration: 11 weeks

HOW DO I REGISTER

www.play.afl or www.netsetgo.asn.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

AUSKICK CO-ORDINATOR: VAUGHAN 0407 365 893

NETSETGO CO-ORDINATOR: FREYA 0413 841 743

EMAIL: TARWINSHARKS@CMAIL.COM

TARWIN LOWER PLAYGROUP

WHERE YOUR CHILD CAN
PLAY AND LEARN

Playgroup is a fun and nurturing environment, which provides a place for children to have new experiences and opportunities to play, socialise and discover their world.

EACH FRIDAY OF THE SCHOOL

TERM 9-11AM

This is a South Gippsland Shire Council Supported Playgroup.
Call Michelle for more information on 0417 388 911 or 5662 9300



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Uniform Order Sheet

Name.....
Contact Phone Number.....

Samples of uniforms are available at the office.

Payment in full must be received before items can be taken.

Item Description	Price	Size	Total Qty	Total Cost						
		4	6	8	10	12	14	16		
Microfibre Shorts	\$13.00									
Mesh Shorts	\$11.00									
Gaberdine Cargo Shorts	\$18.00									
Girl's Skort	\$17.00									
Polo Shirt - Striped Collar	\$13.00									
Polo Shirt Long Sleeve-Striped Collar	\$14.00									
T- Shirts	\$ 7.00									
Girl's Checked Dresses	\$18.00									
Gabardine Cargo Pants	\$21.00									
Fleecy Straight Leg Track Pants	\$17.00									
Fleecy Double Knee Track Pants	\$19.00									
Fleecy Track Pants with cuffs	\$17.00									
Fleecy Track Pant w/cuffs dble knee	\$19.00									
Vest (Polar Fleece)	\$16.00									
Fleecy Jacket full zip	\$20.00									
Half Zip Polar Fleece Top	\$20.00									
Fleecy Hooded Windcheater	\$22.00									
Loose Waist Fleecy Windcheater	\$15.00									
Cargo (Slouch) Hats S/M/L	\$ 8.00									
TOTAL										

**All orders must be submitted by
Friday 4th May**



24th April 2018



To the Tarwin Lower School
community,

Thank you for making an impact for good in the lives of many children and their communities overseas with your generous support of Operation Christmas Child.

We sent 1031 boxes from our area which includes the surrounding districts of Leongatha, Foster, Meeniyan, Tarwin Lower, Inverloch and Wonthaggi. Victoria's total was 58,727.

Containers this year went to Cambodia, Thailand, P.N.G. and Vietnam.

Last season when one of the containers went to the Ukraine, the distribution team met a young woman called Vika who was helping with the distribution. Seven years ago when she was in an orphanage in the Ukraine she received a shoebox. She said, "I still remember that feeling of excitement and hope I had when we received our shoeboxes." She remembers exactly what the gifts were and that it had everything purple in it. She now packs shoeboxes to send to other children. Vika said, "I can't describe how blessed I am to be part of this ministry. I've been there and I know what it feels like to have no parents, to have nothing. I would like to encourage everyone to take a little time and make a shoebox to share hope and love with children around the world."

In a community outside of Hanoi, Vietnam, even Government Officials were touched when they saw the joy and delight of children and their parents. One said, "These boxes are meaningful and precious. Thank you for helping poor students in this area."

Samaritan's Purse continues to work on other projects as they see the need in communities where the shoeboxes are distributed. In Cambodia alone, in 2017, they provided 4500 Bio Sand Water Filters, 4000 Latrine, 6600 Ceramic Water Filters. Full details of the other projects they have provided can be seen on the Samaritan's Purse website.

Your generous hearts have made more of a difference than you could ever imagine. May you be greatly blessed in return.

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Samaritan's Purse Representative

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