

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School  
Small School, Big Opportunities

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## Principal's Report

### So Much Has Been Happening!

At Tarwin Lower Primary School, we value the importance of educating the Whole Child. This is evidenced through our commitment to our wide range of extra-curricular activities.



**Extra-Curricular** activities are anything that happens beyond the Math and English lessons that are taught everyday in class.

The whole school went to Welshpool Primary to be involved with a **Regional Arts** performance. The kids also had time to do activities and spend recess and lunch with the Welshpool kids. A great opportunity to socialise, especially since the grade 3-6 students will be on Melbourne Camp together in term 3.



All students had a session on **bus safety**. Thank you to John and Anita Harris for continuing to keep our students safe. John explained to the students how to



behave appropriately on the bus, including only talking to the person next to you and remaining seated at all times.

We do a lot of bus travel at TLPS, so please take the time to talk with your child about bus safety.

All grades travelled to Foster on Tuesday to watch the **Magic Words** performance on respecting other people, and using your manners to show others that you value them. It was a play with meaning and funny parts as well. The kids laughed and learnt – the best combination.



Jenni Cox

Principal

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## It's Not OK to be Away

Thank you to all parents who returned the absent/late notices (if they received one), or who updated the information on Compass.

Our school has been highlighted through the department as having an unsatisfactory number of absences. This is for all absences, including family holidays.

Another one of the school aims this year (as well as Speaking and Listening that I spoke of in the last newsletter), is to reduce the amount of absences.

Sick students should not come to school and I understand that dental appointments are important. However, students leaving school early for long weekends, arriving late to school or the school not being informed, is our focus.

School lessons begin promptly at 9am, and the bag bell is at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is off to the best start to the day by being at school by 8.50am.

## Kids Matter at Tarwin Lower

Thank you to all families that returned their surveys. Last night the teachers and Karen Wlas had a Kids Matter Action Team Meeting. We reviewed the survey results and the areas that need to be addressed.

Component One of Kids Matter is A *Positive School Community*. Two areas we are focusing on are Communication and Behaviour.

Our goal to improve communication include; linking information to parents on different media, having notices go out only on a Wednesday, and having a letterbox for students to return forms in the main building. We will also have a staff focus in the newsletter, so people can get to know the staff better (this week it is me!) Parent information sheets will be linked to the boxes parents ticked in what they wanted to know more about – this week it is Cyber-Safety, as ten families wanted more information in this.

There will be information soon on our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Program.

## Delicious Bush Tucker

A bush tucker garden will be planted in Term 3. It will be situated at the front of the school. Students will be involved in planting seedlings. It will help to beautify the front of the basketball court, and be practical too!



Thank you to Ms Freya Carbone for putting in the application for the grant from Landcare. The money will help pay for plants and signs.

## After School Fun

All students will be staying at school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We will be playing games and having lots of fun. All students will eat dinner at school, and then the Prep and grade one students





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will go home. The grade two to six students remain at school for a movie (Lego Batman) and a sleep over.

The purpose of the sleep over is to prepare grade 2 students for sleeping away from home with other students. Next year the grade 3-6 camp is at Forest Lodge for three days.

Thank you to Jarrod Headlam for offering to sleep over at the school.

Thank you to Daniel, Lana, Bright Kylie and Aunty Kylie for volunteering to cook dinner.

At this stage we have no parent volunteers to prepare breakfast in the morning.

Please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter if you are able to help.

### **Parent and Friends**

The first Wednesday of every month is a time for everyone involved with the school to catch up and have a chat.

The tea, coffee and tam-tams are provided free!

Put this date in your diary - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9am to 10am in the Staffroom. Hope you can make it.

### **Amazing Artwork**

Ben has just been showing me what the kids have been doing in Art, and I was blown away with the talent of our session with Ben to go.

At the end of the term there will be an Opening Night held locally – stay tuned for more details.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Book Fair. This is the first time we have run a Book Fair since I have been at the school (and that's 7 years!). It was a great success and I hope to run it again next year.

The school gets a percentage of the money raised to spend at Scholastic. This will include library books, reading group books, teacher reference books and other school resources.

### **Happy Birthday**

We hope you had a great day on your birthday.

Charlie 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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# Parents and Friends Group

Come and meet other parents and friends for a friendly chat  
over a cup of tea or coffee

The first Wednesday of every month from 9am to 10am

In the staffroom at the school

**Everybody welcome!**

## After School Fun

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a WWCC and can help with;

Dinner. Please arrive @5.30pm

Breakfast. Please arrive @7am



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## Cyber Safety

Negotiating the new and tricky world of the internet with kids can be very difficult and confusing. Here's some flyers that may help. You can find more information at <https://esafety.gov.au/>

Please not the age limits. They may surprise some. The graphic information is missing for **Musical.ly**, its age limit is 18+ according to the terms of agreement.

**7 WAYS** parents can manage web connected devices in the home

**ALMOST 1 in 3** teens are accessing the internet between 10pm and midnight

- 39% of teens use a tablet to go online. Parental control tools are available for Apple's iOS & Android.
- 47% of teens play games online. PlayStation, Xbox, Wii and Steam have parental controls.
- 64% of teens stream video on YouTube & TV. YouTube and YouTube Kids have a safety mode. YouTube Red offers ad-free videos. Netflix and Stan offer age-based settings.
- 74% of teens use a computer to go online. Microsoft Windows and Apple's MAC OSX offer family restrictions and monitoring.
- 78% of teens research and browse on the internet. Safe search settings are available for Google Safe Search, Google Chrome and Yahoo!.
- 80% use a smart phone. T-Mobile Protect, Vodafone Guardian, Apple iOS and Android have safety options.
- 86% have home broadband access. Telstra provides parental control tools and homework time blockout; Optus and Vodafone provide guidance on tools.

**REMEMBER** No parental control is 100% fail safe. Keep children's trust by using these tools openly at home.

esafety.gov.au/parent

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### Is there an age limit for kids on social media?

**13** Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join. **WHAT ABOUT APPS?** App stores set their own age ratings based on the app's content.

**WHY 13?** This is usually to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA)—a US law preventing the collection and storage of personal information from a child under 13.

#### Age Guide to Social Media

SOCIAL MEDIA		TERMS OF USE - MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS	APP STORE RATING	GOOGLE PLAY RATING
ASK.fm	ASK.fm	13+	12+	12+
CLUB PENGUIN	Club Penguin	All ages (Directed at 6-14 year olds)	4+	G-General
EA	EA (Electronic Arts)	18+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	n/a	G-General
f	Facebook	13+	4+	12+
Messenger	Facebook Messenger	13+	4+	3+
Flickr	Flickr	13+	12+	12+
Foursquare	Foursquare	13+	4+	12+
G+	Google+	13+	17+	12+
Instagram	Instagram	13+	12+	12+
keek	Keek	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
k.	Kik	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
in	LinkedIn	14+	4+	3+
Minecraft	Minecraft	All ages (Parental permission required to create mojang account if user is under 13)	n/a	M-Mature (Pocket Edition)
Moshi Monsters	Moshi Monsters	All ages (Directed at 6-12 year olds. If user is under 13, parent's email is required)	4+	G-General
Pinterest	Pinterest	13+	12+	12+
S	Skype	18+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	4+	3+
Snapchat	Snapchat	13+	12+	12+
Spotafriend	Spotafriend	13-19 yrs only	17+	16+
Steam	Steam	13+	17+	12+
Tinder	Tinder	18+ (Facebook account required to register)	17+	18+
t	Tumblr	13+	17+	12+
Twitter	Twitter	13+	4+	12+
Vimeo	Vimeo	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	17+	12+
Vine	Vine	13+	17+	12+
WhatsApp	WhatsApp	16+	4+	3+
Yellow	Yellow	13+ (With parental permission up to 17yrs)	12+	12+
YouTube	YouTube	13+	17+	12+

\*Age guide based on published Terms of Use and app store ratings as at April 2016.

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## **How Much Do You Know About Your Principal Jenni Cox?**

### **How long have you been at Tarwin Lower Primary School?**

I began teaching here in July 2010 in a 2/3 class, and I have now been the principal for two years.

### **What inspired you to be a teacher?**

I have always wanted to be a teacher. I decided on this career when I was in grade 6 and I never changed my mind.

### **What is the best part of your job?**

Teaching the students – they are all incredible people and they constantly amaze me. I enjoy seeing how they all grow into independent individuals. I also like seeing them as teenagers, and how they have matured into young adults.

I love how each day is different to the last. I have great conversations with parents and grandparents, teachers and staff. I am always learning, and sometimes it's the kids that are the teachers!

### **How long have you been teaching?**

I graduated in 1995. However, I stopped teaching for 5 years when my kids were little.

### **Where have you taught and what grades?**

I have taught in schools in the Latrobe Valley, South Gippsland, a year in New Zealand and 6 months in England.

I have taught all primary year levels (yes, even Preps). I have been a specialist teacher in Art, Music, Library, ICT, PE and Drama.

### **What do you like doing in your free time?**

Spending time with my family, including visiting my brother in Tallangatta. Reading and catching up with friends. Walking along the beach and watching movies.

### **Do you have a family?**

I am married to Jonathan and we have two teenagers – Lachlan (almost 17) and Angus (15).

### **What is your favourite colour?**

Purple!!

### **What is your favourite animal?**

Elephant

### **What is your favourite number?**

7 and 13





## For Your Calendar

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Cross Country @Stony Creek (for qualifying students only)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Pie Drive Orders and Payment Due
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	After School Fun for P – 6 Grade Prep and 1's picked up at 7pm Friday Sleepover 2 – 6 Students picked up Saturday morning at 8pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Magic Flute @Foster
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter Sports @Meeniyau Grade 5/6 students to arrange own transport
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Prep Free Dental Screening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum Day – No Students
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council Meeting @6.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Pies Delivered – Pick up from School @3.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Ms Jenni Cox on Long Service Leave Mr Gene Vanderzalm Acting Principal
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Lightning Premiership (Gr 5/6)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Divisional Winter Sports (Gr 5/6)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Tarwin's Got Talent @1pm Everyone is invited to attend ☺
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term – finish @2.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	First day of Term 3