

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School
Small School, Big Opportunities

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Newsletter No. 9

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all families. I hope you had a break filled with fun and exciting memories with the people you love.

It was fantastic to come back to school and see all the smiling faces of the students. Everyone is relaxed, happy, and ready to learn.

We are excited about this up-coming term. The teachers have been working hard to prepare their lessons to make them fun and challenge the students.

This term our school Topic focus is on animals. The Prep – Grade 3 students will be learning about Mini Beasts, so expect some intriguing facts soon! The grade 4/5/6 students will be learning about animal adaptations, for example who and why Polar Bears have adapted to their environment.

Personally, I am looking forward to continuing to build on the strong relationship with you and the community.

I am proud of the achievements of our school and our students. The recent digital storybook is one of many great accomplishments. I am looking forward

to viewing it again on YouTube and reading it on a printout copy of the book. I will pass on details as soon as they come to hand, also keep an eye on Facebook.

I would like to welcome Yara and her family to the school community. They have just returned from Oman. Yara is in grade 2.

On behalf on the school, I would like to congratulate Vanessa, Clayton and Ryan on the safe arrival of Arthur John Fisher born on the 12th July at 2.02am and weighing in at 3.9kg. He is gorgeous and we look forward to him attending school council meetings!



Jenni Cox

Principal

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences

In one week Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held at the school.



Please see the attached form and return to school. This a great opportunity for you to discuss any questions you may have about your childs learning and strengthen the home-school relationship.

There is information attached about the importance of these conferences. Myself and the staff look forward to meeting with you to celebrate your child's achievements.

Volunteers Needed – Breakfast and Lunch

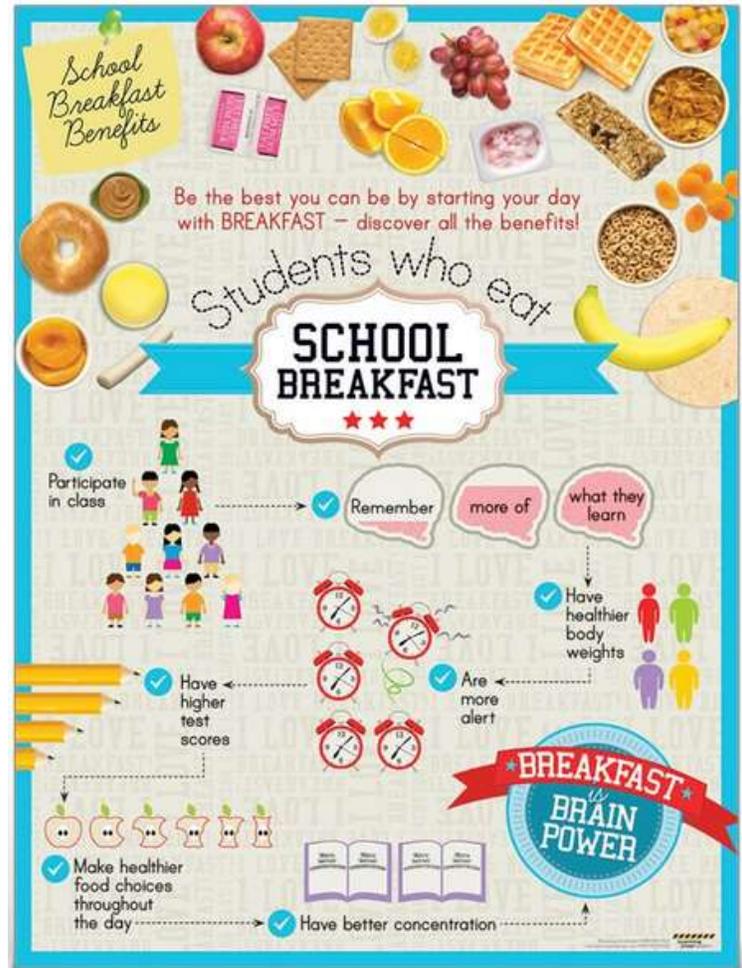
Are you able to volunteer on Wednesday mornings from 8.30 to 9.15am?

The students need someone to prepare breakfast for them on this day, as our lovely volunteer Deb is going on a well deserved holiday.

All food and equipment is here, and there is no cooking involved. By giving up less than an hour of your morning, you will be making a huge difference in the lives of the kids.

We are now also filling in the lunch roster for this term.

If you are able to volunteer at the school in either of these roles, please let us know.



Lunches

There have been a few requests from parents to pay for school lunches in bulk at the beginning of the term. We are happy to listen and respond to feedback – that's how we can improve! If you would like to prepay for the school lunches, the cost will be \$27

This will cover every Friday, other than this first week back. Please forward the money in an envelope to the school.



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Help Needed!

The need for students to return their forms in one central place has been highlighted recently.



To help solve this problem, we are going to have a letterbox for students to “post” their forms and money. We have the letterbox and stand, but it is currently not self-supporting.

A stand needs to be made for the base. Can you help solve this problem? Please let us know at school – we need your help!

Holiday Work

During the school break we have had the trees lopped or removed, had plumbing repaired near the art room, a new door has been installed in the main building and new signs for the school have been made and place about town.

This is \$20,000 worth of school building works completed.

Melbourne Camp

Just a reminder to families of grade 3/4/5/6 students to please return all forms and money to the school by Friday the 28th of July.

I have endeavoured to keep the cost of the camp an affordable price. The cost of the camp has also been subsidised by School Council.

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.



There's plenty of evidence that shows positive communication between parents and teachers helps improve academic performance.

As your child's greatest teacher and role model, it's vital that you get involved in their schooling, rather than sitting back and letting the teacher handle it all. Your child needs to see the importance that you, as their parent, put on their education, though make sure this doesn't translate as an emphasis on always having to come first or being top of the class.

While teachers are experts in teaching, you're the expert on your child. You know what stimulates, bores and interests them, what they're good at and what they struggle with. You know your child's learning style and you also know if there are any other issues going on that might be affecting their learning at school. So ongoing communication with your child's teacher is essential to make sure they can tailor their approach to your child while in class.

Parent-teacher interviews are a great opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher and hear how your child is tracking academically and socially relative to their classmates. However, they are also a great way to discuss any troubles or questions you may have regarding your child. With many parent-teacher interviews coming up, it is important that you take the time to think about the things you would like to discuss with your child's teacher – to ensure you make the most of your allocated time.

In saying this, communicating with your child's teacher isn't just about attending parent-teacher interviews and conferences; there are lots of other ways to stay in touch and to create a positive two-way

relationship, including email, volunteering in the classroom or by adding comments to a homework book. At drop off or pick up time, teachers are usually very busy so it might be best to schedule an appointment for when it's more convenient.

If discussing any issues you're concerned about, make sure you ask the teacher for ways you can help at home that reinforce any learning that's going on in the classroom.

Above all, remember that it's a three-way relationship between you, your child and their teacher and that only by working together positively can you help your child achieve their full potential.

Source: <http://au.mathletics.com/importance-parent-teacher-communication/>



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Tarwin Lower Primary School Uniform Order Sheet

Samples of uniforms are available in the office.

All orders may be left at the office.

*****Please Note*****

Orders are taken without payment, but items are not delivered until full payment is received.

Name.....

Contact Phone Number.....

Item Description	Price	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Total Qty	Total Cost
Microfibre Shorts	\$13.00									
Mesh Shorts	\$ 10.00									
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	\$ 6.00									
Girl's Checked Dresses	\$17.00									
Gahardine Cargo Pants	\$21.00									
Microfibre Pant with zip cuffs	\$24.00									
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 double knee	\$19.00									
Vest (Polar Fleece)	\$15.00									
Fleecy Jacket full zip	\$19.00									
Half Zip Polar Fleece Top	\$20.00									
Fleecy Hooded Windcheater	\$21.00									
Loose Waist Fleecy Windcheater	\$15.00									
Bucket Hats Large only	\$ 8.00									
Cargo (Slouch) Hats S/M/L	\$ 8.00									
TOTAL										

Please hand all orders in to the office by Friday 28th July.
Thank you



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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



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Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews Wednesday 26th July 2017

Dear Parents,

The school will be conducting Parent/
Teacher/Student interviews on



Wednesday 26th July 2017

Interview times will be scheduled between **2.30pm and
5.30pm at 10 minute intervals.**

Please indicate your preferred time below. Times are allocated on a 'first in first served' basis. Please note: Sibling interviews will be allocated consecutively. If you do not return the form with your preference, a time will be allocated to you.

*Parent / Teacher / Student
Interviews
Wednesday 26th July 2017*

FAMILY NAME _____

PREFERRED TIME _____ (2.30PM - 5.30PM)



For Your Calendar

Tuesday 25 th July	Kids Matter Action Team Meeting @3.45pm
Wednesday 26 th July	Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences
Tuesday 1 st August	School Council Meeting @6.30pm Training for School Review for all Councillors
Monday 7 th August – Friday 25 th August	Parent Opinion Surveys – online More information in next newsletter
Monday 7 th August – Wednesday 9 th August	Melbourne Camp for grades 3/4/5/6
Thursday 10 th August	Arts Performance @TLPS Welshpool Primary will be attending
Friday 18 th August	School Review – Panel Day 1
Tuesday 22 nd August	Book Week Dress Up Day
Tuesday 29 th August	Kids Matter Action Team Meeting @3.45pm
Thursday 31 st August	School Review – Panel Day 2
Tuesday 5 th September	School Council Meeting @6.30pm
Thursday 7 th September	Division Athletics @Wonthaggi Secondary College
Friday 22 nd September	Sports Colour Dress Up Day Last day of Term 3 – finish @2.30pm