

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Small School, Big Opportunities

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Please Note – supervision is from 8.45-9.00am before school and 3.20-3.30pm after school.

World Teachers Day

I was lucky enough to have two parents that were teachers and great role models for me, and I am still to this day constantly bumping into people that were either taught by my mum or dad that want to talk about the impact that they had on their lives.

Stephen Hawking is quoted saying “if you look behind every exceptional person there is an exceptional teacher” and I can say with all certainty that our teachers are exceptional here at Tarwin Lower Primary.

The care, dedication and hard work they put in each day for students is unsurpassed, along with all our staff here. I can't emphasise enough just how proud I am and how lucky I am to work with such a great group of professionals. It takes a big heart to shape little minds and so a big thanks goes to all our teachers on this day.

Staff Professional Development

Staff at Tarwin Lower Primary School are committed to improving our knowledge and building on expertise to achieve our goals and provide the best opportunities for all our students.

This week's Professional Development was focussed on Evidence Informed Teaching of Reading which gave staff a great insight on the new Department's Curriculum focus for the future.

Please feel free to chat with staff if you're curious to know more about staff professional learning they have been undertaking.

Lawns and Grounds

We are required by the Department to obtain quotes for any annual contracts within the school.

We are in the process of seeking quotes from local tradespeople for the mowing and general upkeep of the grounds.

Requirements are: Ride-on mower, public liability insurance, workcover/ sickness & accident insurance, Working With Children Check (employee type).

If you are interested in quoting for this, please contact the Principal on 5663 5263.



Warm Regards,


Ashton Webster

Acting Principal



**IT'S GREAT IF
YOU'RE NOT LATE**

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

 Follow our Facebook page for photos and the most up to date information of the learning happening at school.

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National Water Week Poster Competition



In celebration of National Water Week, Westernport Water ran annual poster competition. This year's theme was 'Water for All, Inspiring Action', and shows the importance of water for our future.

The competition for Primary School and Kindergarten students showcases students' creativity and passion for protecting our water resources.

150 students entered the competition. Winning posters from each age group were also entered into the State level competition.

Our school students made fantastic posters and we had 5 students who were winners.

Grade 1 and 2 division

- 1st Sammi
- 2nd Aeysha
- 3rd Luna

Grade 5 & 6 division

- 1st Scarlett
- 3rd Audrey

All of our students' artwork was completed in art class with Ms Pilkington. See the back page!

Well done to the above students and also to all our students who made posters for the competition.

Congratulations

Well done to these superstars on their achievements!



Attendance Awards

Regular attendance at school is vital for students to get a complete education. Significant absences can have a serious impact on students' learning.

At the end of every term we check our attendance data to find the students in each classroom who have attended the most during the term.

Mr Webster buys these students a chip lunch.

We were so lucky that the Riverview Hotel donated some hot chips and nuggets for our students. They were delicious, especially with the aioli and sauce that they included. A big thank you goes out to the owners and staff at the Riverview Hotel.



Rumbug Camp

Rumbug camp is less than a week away and we have some pretty excited students. The final arrangements with the camp have been made. The program was sent home with students on Tuesday. Looks like there are some fantastic activities in store for our kids!

Students will be leaving school just after 9.00am on Wednesday in our own school bus and will arrive at the camp at 10.00am.

On Friday students will leave Camp Rumbug at 2.00pm to return to school before dismissal at 3.20pm.

Ms Dye and Bailey will be with the campers on Wednesday night, with Mrs Wright swapping with Ms Dye and staying with the campers on Thursday night.

We hope everyone has a great time!



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**2024– DATES TO REMEMBER**

Every Wednesday	Bring lunch orders to school - hand in to office
Every Friday	Lunches from the Venus Bay General Store Yum!!
Monday 4th November	Student Free Day - No students @ school
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wed 6th - Fri 8th November	Camp Rumbug for Grade 3 & 4 students
Tuesday 12th November	Leongatha SC transition day for Grade 6 students
Friday 15th November	Step into Prep transition Day No 1 9.15am to 10.45am
Friday 22nd November	Step into Prep transition Day No 2 9.15am to 10.45am
Friday 29th November	Step into Prep transition Day No 3 9.15am to 10.45am
Friday 29th November	Grade 6 Immunisation Talk
Friday 6th December	Step into Prep transition Day No 4 9.15am to 10.45am
Tuesday 10th December	Statewide Transition Day - Gr 6 to Secondary College - Preps 9.00am - 11.00am
Friday 13th December	Toora Pool Day
Tuesday 17th December	School Concert/ Grade 6 Graduation and Santa visit
Wednesday 18th December	Reports are available
Thursday 19th December	Last day for students. End of Term 4. Happy holidays.
Wednesday 29th January 2025	First day for students except new Preps
Thursday 30th January 2025	First day for new preps

End of Year Celebrations

Just an early reminder to families that we have a very special person visiting our school on our concert night (Tuesday 17th December). This jolly man in the red suit is bringing a gift for every child. This is a book wrapped and labelled. Parents are asked to supply a wrapped and labelled book to the office prior to this evening.

Drop them off any time.

**Lunch orders Menu**

Lunch orders must be handed in on Wednesday mornings

\$5.00 Deal

Egg & Lettuce Sandwich

Cheese Sandwich

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Boston Scroll

\$7.00 Deal

Pizza Roll

Plain Pie & sauce

Sausage Roll & sauce

Salad Roll (lettuce, cheese, tomato)

Note: All orders come with a juice box.



A Word from our Chaplain

As I have been interacting with our students the past week, there has been lots of excitement about the pending grades 3 & 4 camp. One of our students is even packed and ready to go. The enthusiasm is great to see and I am sure that they will have a wonderful time away at Camp Rumbug. I hope to spend a few hours at camp myself.

Fourth term is usually an extra busy one, with lots of exciting things coming up for our students such as the end of year concert, grade 6 graduation and of course the Toora swim day, at the end of term.

I have been meeting regularly with all five of our Grade 6 students to help prepare them for Secondary College. We have been discussing their concerns about 'fitting in', bullying, peer pressure and friendships.

Finally, I will be organising food hampers for families within our school community, who may experience financial hardship over the December/January period. Items available through Breakfast Club include cereal (Vitabrits, Maple Crunch, Cheerios), milk, soup, tinned fruit, honey, vegemite, microwavable rice and tuna dishes, bread, tinned spaghetti and baked beans. Please contact the office or send me an email if you would like me to prepare one of these hampers for you. As always, I am here with a listening ear when you need one. It is my privilege and joy to be part of this school community.

Sue

Holiday Hampers

Products available. Please tick which items you would like and return this form to Sue via the school office by 1st December 2024.

Name _____

VITA BRITS	
CHEERIOS	
MAPLE CRUNCH – GLUTEN FREE	
BEEF & VEGETABLE HOT POT SOUP	
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	
HONEY	
VEGEMITE	
TINNED SPAGHETTI	
TINNED BAKED BEANS	
TOMATO & VEGGIE RICE	
BROWN RICE AND TUNA MEAL	
TINNED FRUIT	
INDIVIDUAL FRUIT CUPS	
LONG LIFE MILK	
BREAD	



MARC Preview of Learning – Term 4 2024

Reading is a journey. Young children have such a lot of learning to do as they begin this journey. As babies they hear sound, the sounds of rhythm and repetition of words and language. They see and experience pictorial images as they are read to by a parent, siblings and others. Later they learn sounds that letters and groups of letters can make and recognise words. They share and follow the story line and make connections to and with a wide variety of texts, be they fiction or nonfiction. When children reach the later years of primary schooling they are reading independently, wondering and questioning, developing understanding of authorial technique and immersing themselves in books, stories and nonfiction, of their choice.

Term 4 is upon us and our students are in their last term of this year of their learning. We are pleased, as their MARC library teachers, to have been part of our students' 2024 'Reading Journey'. We have been able to share and showcase many books which is an enjoyable part of our teaching journey. We wish all students 'enjoyable and informative' reading in 2025.

This term our shared learning is...

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1	New literature. 'Listen Hippo' by Gabriel Evans focused on what 'listening' is .	New Literature. 'Jiggliest Jellyfish' by Emma & Tim Flannery provided unique jellyfish facts.	Students are working on a unit based on heroes. How do we define a hero? What characteristics do they have?
2 - 4	Topic study. Why is an animal called native as contrasted with being called exotic? The sloth, elephants and pythons will feature in both picture story books eg 'Zizzy' by Penny Mathews and nonfiction texts eg 'Extraordinary Elephants' by Katie Melrose.	What is a graphic novel and how does it differ from a regular book? Students shared several graphic novels and had a go at creating their own comics.	In Weeks 2-4 we will look at heroes in mythology, history and fiction. We will examine the concept of the 'hero's journey' in literature.
5-6	Beautiful new literature will be shared eg. 'Jonty Gentoo' by Julia Donaldson	New Literature including 'How to Move Zoo' by Kate Simpson	Heroes in everyday life Research project on a hero begins.
7-8	Learning will focus on the Emergency Services	Author Study	Heroes in war
9	Fire Safety	Fire Safety.	Heroes who are first responders. Fire safety
10	Christmas texts and craft	Christmas texts and craft	Christmas texts and craft

Could students please look for and return overdue MARC Library books? Marc Library books have a green dot on the spine which helps when looking for those missing books in home libraries. Thanking you

Yours in reading and learning.

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

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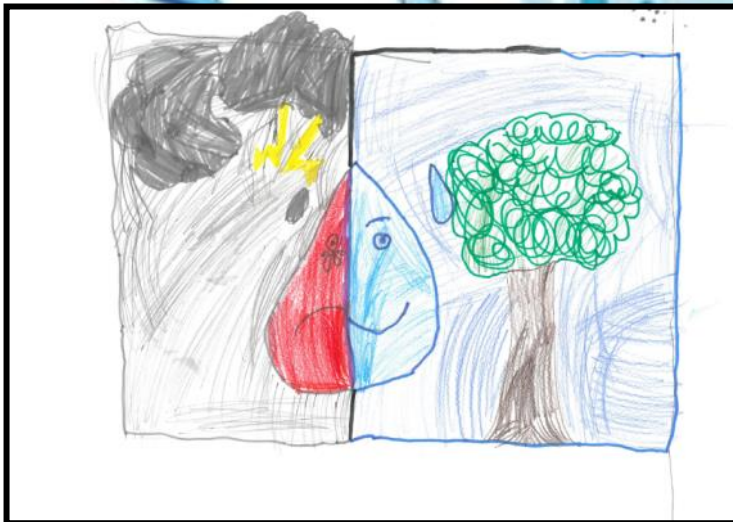
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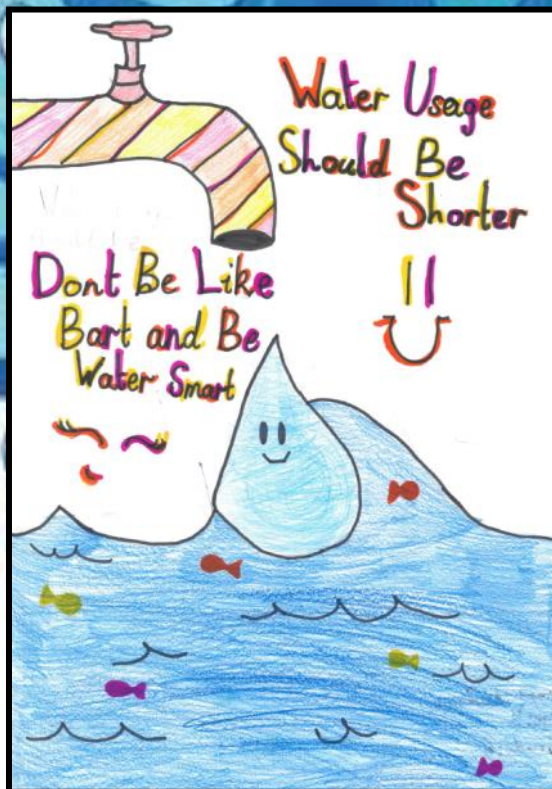
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