

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

6th February 2025

Newsletter No. 1

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

I am excited to return to Tarwin Lower Primary School as Acting Principal after three years away. This school holds a special place in my heart, and I'm so proud to once again be part of such a wonderful community.

From the moment I stepped back onto the grounds, I was reminded of what makes this school so special, its people. Our dedicated staff, including our incredible Business Manager Lindy, and our outstanding teachers, Ms. Pilkington, Ms. Dye, and Ms. Wright, have been exceedingly professional and welcoming. Their commitment to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment, and commitment to constant improvement is truly inspiring.

We are also excited to have Ms Carbone joining us again after mother duties.

It was also great to see Sue engaging with the community and providing support for staff, parents and students, what a great resource she provides.

Bayley continues to do a fantastic job in our classroom to support our students.

Mrs Nunn will be returning to inspire our students in the Art room.

Ms Robson is again teaching Auslan sign language to our students on Monday. We also have MARC library with Mrs Callcott on Mondays as well.

A big welcome to Chelsea Donohue who is doing teaching placement with us for 4 weeks. She will be

working in the Junior grade. We also look forward to having Paige next week who will be with us for 3 weeks.

At Tarwin Lower Primary School, our students come first. My goal is to get to know each and every student, to understand their unique strengths, learning needs, and aspirations. Through school and home working together, we can ensure that every child has the tools and support they need to grow into confident, capable, and successful adults, no matter what path they choose.

I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and getting to know new ones. Thank you for welcoming me back, I am excited for the adventures ahead!




Warm Regards,

Greg Eddy

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.

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect

**2025- DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday 7th February	Waratah Swimming Trials
Wednesday 12th February	Prep rest day
Wednesday 12th February	Swimming Program day 1
Wednesday 14th February	District Swimming Sports
Wednesday 19th February	Prep rest day
Wednesday 19th February	Swimming Program day 2
Tuesday 25th February	School Council Meeting @ 4.00pm
Wednesday 26th February	Prep rest day
Wednesday 26th February	Swimming Program day 3
Thursday 27th February	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 5th March	Prep rest day
Wednesday 5th March	Swimming Program day 4
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 12 March	Prep commence full week of school - begin attending on Wednesdays.
Wednesday 12 March	Swimming Program day 5
Friday 21st March	Waratah Athletics
Tuesday 25th March	School Council & Elections
Wednesday 2nd April	District Athletics
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Term 2

GIRL GUIDES  
AUSTRALIA  
VICTORIA

An international volunteer organization for girls and young women

Girls aged over 6 years are invited to *Come and Try* girl guides -*Guide meetings resume**Wonthaggi Girl Guides* - Wonthaggi Scout Hall, corner Parkes street & Wentworth road, Wonthaggi - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at 4.30 to 6pm

Contact : Cheryl Bertrand : tele 0408 391 035 or

*Leongatha Girl Guides* - Leongatha Guide Hall, 10 ABeckett st, LeongathaWednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - 5.30 to 7pm

Contact : Chris Oliver : tele 0428 644 397

The 7 aspects of the Guide program - *The Outdoors, Leadership, Community Service, World Guiding, Promise & Law, The Patrol system (Teamwork), Guiding traditions*For more information check the Girl Guides Victoria website at : <https://www.guidesvic.org.au>**Account Name:****Tarwin Lower Primary School Council  
Operating Account****BSB: 063000****ACC: 14191631****Happy  
Birthday**We hope you had a great  
time on your special day.

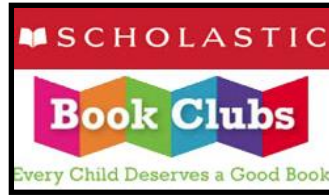
- **Ms Carbone**
- **Mrs Wright**





## Book Club

Book Club issue 1 was sent home with students last week. **Orders are due by this Friday 7 February.**



For the information of our new families, there are two ways to order from Book Club:

- ◆ Fill in the order form on the back of the catalogue and send into school with correct money.
- ◆ Order and pay online using Scholastic's LOOP system. Information for this is on the order form page in the catalogue.

Orders are compiled and submitted by me and then the delivery usually comes about 1 - 2 weeks later.

## Swimming

Swimming for grades 1 - 6 commences next Wednesday and runs for 5 consecutive Wednesdays. We will be changing our venue to Toora Pool.



Permission forms for swimming are on Compass. Please log into Compass and click on the event give your permission for your child to attend. If you have any difficulties logging in, please contact me in the office.

## Uniforms

Attached to this newsletter is an order form for uniforms. I will be ordering from our supplier next week on Thursday, so if you wish to get some uniform, could you please fill in the order form and return by Wednesday 12th February.



## Welcome to our newest students!

Our newest students have settled into school extremely well.

We welcome Indy, Luci, Oscar, Ivy, Silvian and Ellis into our Prep class in the Junior room.

We welcome Ennio into our Grade 2 class in the Junior room.

We also welcome Charlie into our Grade 6 class and Jossie into Grade 5 in the Senior room.

Also, a big welcome to the families of these students who are joining our school community for the first time.

The photo below of our new preps is in the Sentinel Times this week. Great one for the scrapbook!





### A Word from our Chaplain...

The 2025 school year has begun and we are in for another busy school year. Hope that you all got some downtime during the school holidays. I was fortunate enough to go away for eight days to Eastern Gippsland and enjoyed some beautiful lakes and surroundings.

This will be my 8th year of School Chaplaincy and my 4th year here at Tarwin Lower Primary School. I feel privileged to be able to work here and continue providing pastoral care to the entire School community. This year I have changed my work days and will be working every Tuesday and every Thursday. If you would like to meet with me for a chat, please ring the school and they will make an appointment for you. I can also refer you on to other support services in the community and provide food hampers as required. Alternatively, you can contact me through the school email address.

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On my first day back at school I was excited by a new mat I saw in the Junior classroom. It reads ' Welcome to our classroom. You belong here. You matter. You



are enough. You are loved. You can do anything. You are respected. ' What a lovely welcome back to school, not only for our junior students but for all students, staff and carers. For our new students and carers, my hope is that you will feel truly welcomed to our school community.

I hope to be able to say hi to each of you face to face over the next couple of weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can support you in any way. Sue

### Lunch Orders

The Venus Bay General Store has very kindly agreed to supply lunch orders for our students again on a Friday. We will be commencing this next week.

The menu is the same as last year at the moment, but there will be new menu items coming soon....

Please order from the menu below until we advise regarding the new menu.

Reminder that all lunch orders need to be handed in to the office on Wednesday mornings. Please place correct money in a bag or envelope with your child's name and their choice of food. We cannot accept late orders.

The wonderful Sabrina Hohmann will pick up the lunches from the VB store on Fridays and deliver them to school. YUM!!



## 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.



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





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# SPIKEZONE

discover mini-volleyball  
WITH VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA



**THURSDAYS**  
**5:45pm - 7:15pm**  
**@ Leongatha SPLASH**  
**For Children aged 8-13**

*Also available ages 14-18*

**\$90\* per season**

\*includes yearly Volleyball Victoria Membership Insurance,  
18 week program and junior playing top hire

Family Discount for 3 or more children



**SOUTH GIPPSLAND**

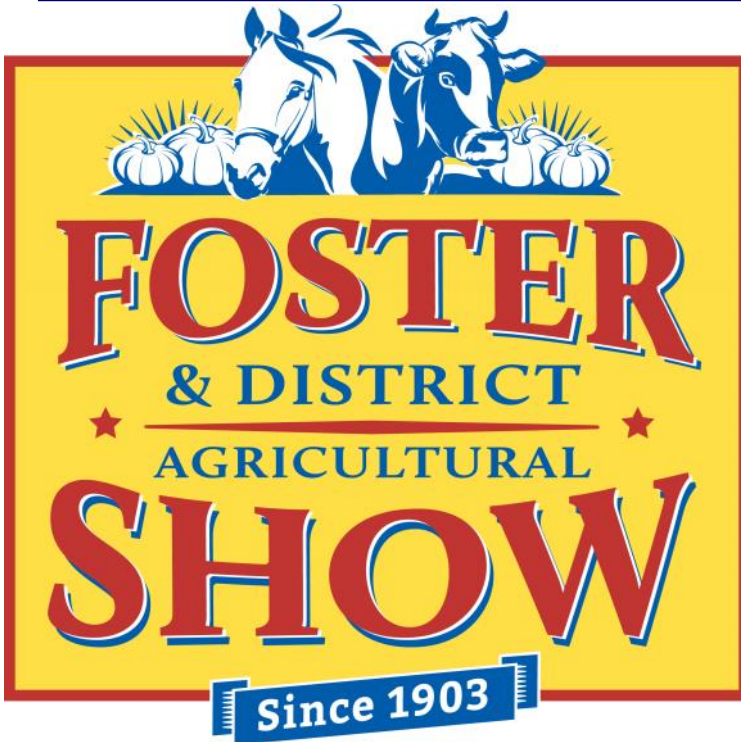


**WE ARE  
A CHILD  
SAFE CLUB**

**VOLLEYBALL CLUB INC.**

[www.revolutionise.com.au/sgv/events/277842](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/sgv/events/277842)

[southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com](mailto:southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com)



With February upon us, it's almost time for the Foster & District Agricultural show, on **Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2025.**

We have some excellent events running this year that we'd love to encourage you to enter, with great prizes up for grabs.

### Schreurs Scarecrow Competition

Get creative to make the most unique garden protector you can think of! We encourage the use of recycled materials, and love to hear the stories behind your scarecrow creation. **Entry is free**, with prizes including sashes to third place, first prize \$75 and a veggie box and second prize \$25 – you've got to be in it to win it! With a class specifically for school groups, and your scarecrow entries displayed on show day with the Giant Pumpkins, it's a great competition to get involved in.

### Giant Pumpkin Growing Competition

Didn't grow any big pumpkins this year? No worries! Why not get involved in our *Best decorated pumpkin competition*. Your pumpkin can be of any variety and decorated in any way. Have a favourite singer or band, favourite movie or tv show character? Let your imagination run wild! **Free entry**, sashes to third place, first prize \$100, second prize \$50 – think of all the pumpkins you can buy for next year! Check out the Scarecrow and Pumpkin section of our show schedule for more info.



### Creative Art, Photography, Craft and Cooking

We have some fantastic classes for children in our Creative Art and Exhibit Shed sections this year! Into painting, drawing, sculptures/ceramics, or any other medium? We've got you covered! There's classes for kids in photography, craft and cooking as well so be sure to check out the schedule to start planning your show entries at <https://www.fostershow.com/pre-entry-competitions>.

Not into preparation? Our **Show Day Entry Competitions** are for you! The Pet Parade is getting a revamp this year so there'll be extra fun and great prizes and giveaways up for grabs. Fashions on the Field and an all new Mullet Competition have kids classes to ensure the whole family gets a chance to strut their stuff. For more info on Show Day Competitions, check out our website <https://www.fostershow.com/showday-competitions>



It's local support like yours when entering our competitions that makes our show day a success each thank. Thank you, and we can't wait to see you there!



# TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER SHEET

Samples of uniforms are available in the office.

Payment in full must be received before uniforms can be taken

**DUE DATE FOR ORDERS**  
**Wed 12th Feb**

**FAMILY NAME:**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	TOTAL QTY	TOTAL COST
		4	6	8	10	12	14	16			
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve with logo	\$ 25.00										
Top - Windcheater with logo	\$ 21.00										
Top - Microfibre Sports Jacket with logo	\$ 38.00										
Top - Polar Fleece Jacket with logo	\$ 30.00										
Dress - Blue Checked	\$ 21.00										
Shorts - Microfibre	\$ 14.00										
Shorts - Mesh	\$ 12.00										
Shorts - Cargo	\$ 19.00										
Skort	\$ 21.00										
Pants - Cargo	\$ 23.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg	\$ 19.00										
Track Pants - Straight Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
Track Pants - Cuffed Leg Double Knee	\$ 21.00										
School Beanies	\$ 16.00										
Hat - Cargo (Slouch) S / M / L	\$ 10.00										

		SIZE 12	SIZE 14	SIZE 16	SIZE Sml	SIZE Med	SIZE Lge		
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Grade 6 Polo Shirts	\$45.00										
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<b>TOTAL</b>											<b>\$</b>
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