

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

School Road, Tarwin Lower
Ph-5663 5263
Email- tarwin.lower.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

5th February 2020

Newsletter No. 1

Principal's Report

Welcome back to school for Term 1.

I hope that all families have had a relaxing and safe holiday and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for lots of learning and activity this year.

Welcome to our new families, we are looking forward to building a strong partnership with you to ensure your child can achieve their highest potential.

We look forward to meeting families at our upcoming Conferences and then later chatting at our Family BBQ. These dates are in the calendar, and Conferences are now open in Compass to book in a time.

Tarwin Lower Primary is situated in vast grounds surrounded by native gardens. There is plenty of space for the kids to run and play. We regularly have our koala come and visit us, on Monday morning we had wallaby jumping along the oval!

With such wonderful kids, parents and staff, and beautiful environment, Tarwin Lower Primary is a lovely place to work. It provides a stimulating and caring environment for the students, where they build a love of learning. It has been great seeing all the kids smiling faces back at school – they really do brighten my day.

Welcome our new staff members Ms Sophie Callcott (MARC Van) and Ms Simone McGrath (Music). In Term 3 we will be welcoming back Ms Freya Carbone, and wishing Ms Renee Pilkington all the best as she welcomes a new addition to her family.

We have had a brilliant start to the year, and we are looking forward to working with you in 2020.

Warm Regards,

Jenni Cox

Principal





Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences



Our conferences will be held on Tuesday 17th February from 3.40pm – 5.30pm. The conferences are for 10 minutes each and are a chance to discuss the year ahead with your child's new teacher.

Bookings available now via Compass. If these times do not suit, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time. If you need assistance with booking interviews, please contact the Office on 5663 5263.

New families received Compass log in details last week.

Compass is both web-based and available as an app. Through Compass you can enter explanations for absences and view your child's progress as comments are posted fortnightly. A comment on Learning Behaviours will be posted soon.

Class Letters

Know what is happening this term in your child's class by reading the class letter. Every class has now put these up via Compass.

Don't forget your hat!



We are a Sun Smart school, therefore all students and staff are to wear a hat when outside. The hot days and bushfires are a stark reminder of how important it is to protect our skin from sunburn. Students need a plain navy blue, broad brimmed hat in Term 1 and Term 4. These can be bought from the school for \$8.00 each, or any shop in town. If students do not have a hat, they will be asked to play on the big deck or the rotunda .

Helping to Make a Difference

• Breakfast Program

Are you available one morning a week to serve breakfast to our students? This takes less than an hour of your time. The necessity of breakfast to growing minds is very important and gives them the best start to the day. Please let us know if you are able to help.

At the moment we NO volunteers to serve breakfast to the students.

• Lunches

Can you help to organise (not cook) lunches for the term? This would involve coordinating with the café and parents. Also completing a Food Handling course, which is a requirement from the Shire.

Our Water

Students at school can refill their drink bottles in the staffroom if they want to during the day.

The water in the staffroom is filtered and it also chilled! Great for those hot days.

Last Friday we had a Hot Day Timetable, and the students stayed inside to keep cool. Whenever the temperature is rising to 40.C—we will stay inside, for the health and wellbeing of students and staff.

And in typical Victorian weather, we almost had a Wet Day Timetable just 72 hours later!

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 18th February. Order envelopes will be distributed as soon as they are received.

Full school uniform is required.

Please complete the envelope, enclose your payment and send in to school. We need to have all envelopes back by photo day. If you have not returned your envelope, your child will still have their photo taken but you will have to arrange with the photographer directly to make payment and receive photos.

PLEASE NOTE: do not make any direct deposit payments to the school for photos. Payments are made to the photographer only - cash or credit card slip payment.



Medication

Following our Administration of Medication policy, which is guided by the Education Department, staff are not allowed to give students any medication unless there is a letter from the doctor. Having medication with the prescription attached, is also included in this. We also cannot give cough medication, hayfever tablets, eye drops, panadol etc, unless there is a letter from the doctor.

Therefore, when your child receives their prescription, please also ask the doctor to write a letter for the school.

This also includes when the school has camps and excursions – you can no longer give the teacher in charge the medication, unless there is a letter from the doctor.

School Council

School Council is a great way to be involved at the school. Nominations will be open from Wednesday 12th of February and close the 19th February at 4pm. Nomination forms are available from the office during this time. Please consider joining School Council to assist in the efficient governance and enhance the educational opportunities of our students.

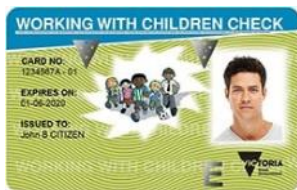
School Council meets twice a term on the second Tuesday of the month at 6.00pm.

Working with Children Check

All parents and friends who wish to volunteer at our school need to have a Working With Children Check (WWCC). This is an Education Department requirement, and part of our schools Child Safe Policy passed by School Council.

To apply for the card go the WWCC website: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> complete the form, print it out and take to the nearest large post office (not Tarwin Lower) with suitable ID. A photo will be taken at the Post Office. There is no charge for volunteers.

All volunteers also need to be inducted every year, so please arrive earlier on the first day so we can go through OHS and Child Safe policies.



Being Organised in 2020

Please note the calendar at the end of the newsletter for Term 1 dates, 2020. Some of the dates have changed since last year. These dates are also in the Compass Calendar.

Code Red Days

Please be aware that our school is on the Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR).



This means our school will be closed on days declared Code Red in this region.

Parents will be notified via emails, text and Facebook the day before. Please ensure all your contact details are up to date. Please see attached sheet for more information.

Fundraising

Would you like to volunteer to help the school with fundraising this year? The wonderful Vanessa Fisher desperately needs some other parents to help her with fundraising events.

If you can help, please contact Vanessa on 0434 552 776 or email

fishervanessa59@gmail.com





Thank you

Thank you to Doug Don for coming in near the end of Term 4 and moving the pantry and freezer for us. What great support from the local community!

Thank you to Jarrod and Cara for again cooking up a feast of sausages for everyone on the last day of school 2019.

Mobile Phones

The new policy from the Education Department began this term. No students in government schools can have their mobile phones in class during school times.

This already aligns with previous mobile phone policy we had at the school. If your child brings a phone to school, they need to take it to the office and we will store it in a secure cabinet until the end of the day.

For more information see the policy on our website <https://www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au/copy-of-forms>

DET info - Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website <https://www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au/copy-of-forms>

For more information about privacy, see: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information also available in nine community languages.

Local Excursion Permissions & Publication Permission.

This year we have made a change to the way we gain permission for local excursions (ie. around the town) and publication of student's photos and work in various media (newsletter, newspapers, website, facebook page).

Note: We only ever use first names of students.

We usually collect permission at the start of the year to cover all walking excursions and publication.

Our revamped enrolment forms now contain a permission form that covers for the whole of the time that the student attends Tarwin Lower Primary School.

In line with this, we will use existing student's permission forms to cover them for the rest of their time at TLPS.

If you have a problem with this or you wish to revoke permission you are able to do this at any time.

Please see Lindy in the office if you have any questions.

Other Excursions/Events

In line with our policy to reduce paper usage, all permissions for non-local excursions will be made available on Compass.

We will let you know when permission is needed. If the excursion involves payment, you can pay with your credit card on Compass.

If you have Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) money, you will have the option to choose 'USE CSEF' as your payment.

If you want to pay cash, you will need to download the permission form and send it in to school with the cash.

Any problems with Compass, please see Lindy or Jenni in the office.

Bookclub

A Bookclub catalogue has been sent home with your child today. The return date for orders and payment is Friday 14th February. Orders can be done in the following ways:

- Send in the order sheet on the back of the catalogue with payment (cash or cheque - payable to Tarwin Lower PS)
- Order through the Scholastic online platform called LOOP and pay with credit card. [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Uniform

A Uniform Order Form is attached to this newsletter.

If you would like to order uniform please print out and fill in the form and forward to the office by Friday 14th February.

Payment for uniforms can be made when you receive delivery.



Well Done Awards

Every Friday afternoon at assembly Well Done Certificates are given to students. The certificates are given based on our school values of Kindness, Cooperation, Resilience and Respect. Our certificates this week were for *Being Friendly*.

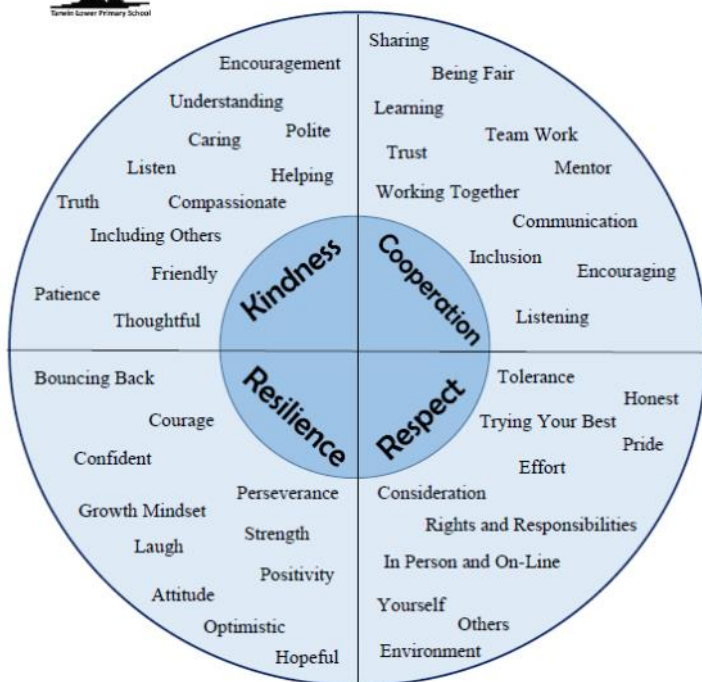
Our school captains choose the value for the following week. Next week, the certificates will be for *Being Confident*.

Well done to our first certificate recipients for 2020— Banjo (from School Captains), Indy, Addie and Evan.

Stay up to date with what is happening at the school via Facebook.



SCHOOL VALUES



Tarwin Lower Primary School

These core values are the cornerstone on which we build our vision and underpin all that we do.

School Captains

Our School Captains this year are Ryan, Bailey and Tom.

They will rotate running assembly each term. Term 1 is Ryan and Tom, with Bailey organising behind the scenes.



I know they will do an outstanding job.

Welcome!

Bu Beasley continues as our Indonesian teacher this term. In the second hour of the Preps first day, Irene had them speaking Indonesian already !



Welcome back to Ms Sophie Callcott, who was our MARC teacher a few year ago and now we are pleased to have her back (sorry, no photo!)

We are also excited to have Ms Simone McGrath at our school teaching Music this year.



**For Your Calendar—Term 1 2020**

7th February	District Swimming @Toora 11am (parents to arrange transport)
11th February	School Council Meeting @6pm
12th February	School Council Nominations Open—4 positions
14th February	Bookclub orders and Uniform Orders Due
17th February	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (3.40-5.30pm)
18th February	School Photos
19th February	District Swimming @Korumburra
19th February	School Council Nominations Closed @4pm
28th February	Clean Up Australia Day
4th March	School Family BBQ @ 5.30pm
9th March	Labour Day—Public Holiday
10th March	School Council Meeting @6pm
11th March	Preps first Wednesday!!
13th March	Waratah Senior Athletics Day @Foster
19th March	Netball Victoria Visit
25th March	District Athletics Day
27th March	Last day of Term 1—2.30pm finish
14th April	First day of Term 2 (Tuesday)

**Happy Birthday**

We hope you had a great day on your birthday.

- ◆ Ms Carbone (in Indonesia)
- ◆ Bella
- ◆ Tess
- ◆ Maggie
- ◆ Tyler

**School Bank Details**

ACC NAME: Tarwin Lower Primary School
 BSB: 633108
 ACC: 151500626



Department of
Education & Training

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, SMS and email. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- The school bus will not operating

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone number and email address. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and reading the website.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

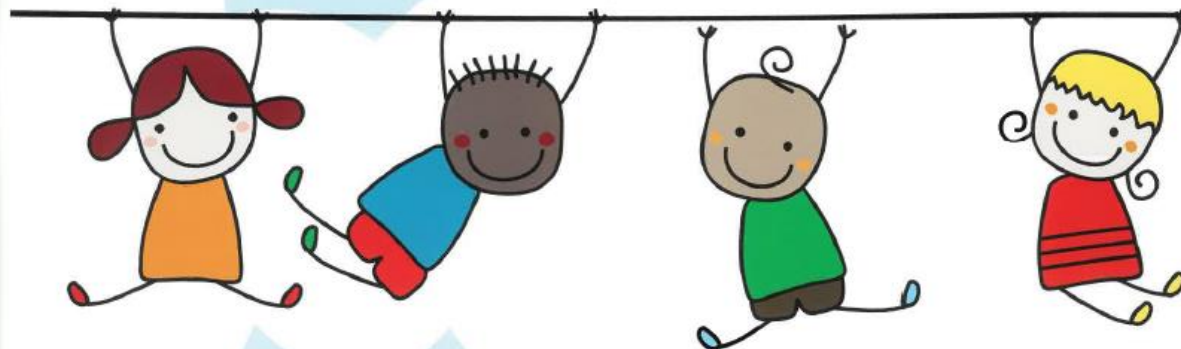
For up-to-date information on this year's fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.



DET **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



5th February 2020



Tarwin Lower Playgroup

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.

Every Friday of the School Term

9am - 11am

at Tarwin Lower Primary School

WHERE YOUR CHILD CAN PLAY AND LEARN

This is a South Gippsland Shire Supported Playgroup. Call Michelle for more information in 0417 388 911 or 56629300



Tarwin Lower
Primary School



South Gippsland





5th February 2020



MAKE SOMEONE'S SUMMER!

with the
**DISABLED SURFER'S
ASSOCIATION of
AUSTRALIA**

saturday
15th FEB
11-2pm

saturday
28th MARCH
11-2pm

VOLUNTEERS to arrive at 10am
Pre-register at www.eventbrite.com.au

Join us for a day of all abilities surfing fun at
INVERLOCH SURF BEACH

GET IN TOUCH:

STUART: 0411 476 478
MARY: 0422 819 676

EMAIL: info@sabc@gmail.com
see what we do @

www.disabledsurfers.org



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK for all
event updates and pre-registration
@DSAINverloch

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Could you help us? -

Anyone can VOLUNTEER at a DSA SURFING event. We have both water and land based roles for you to get involved with, to help assist people with a disability to have a safe and fun surfing experience.

Most water activities are done in waist deep water and no surfing experience is required.

Pre-register your spot @ www.eventbrite.com.au
by looking up DSAINverloch



5th February 2020

**PLAYGROUP
TUESDAYS
10AM - 11AM
DURING SCHOOL TERM**

VENUS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE



**FABULOUS
FEBRUARY**
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
EVERY SATURDAY
WITH
JORJA

FABULOUS FEBRUARY

Saturday 1st February
Picasso Masks/Paint with
Collage.


Saturday 8th February
Junkyard Puppets

Saturday 15th February
Miniature Tree Houses/ Rock
Pets/ Nature Crafts

Saturday 22nd February
Make you own bags/ Denim
Printing

Saturday 29th February
Decorating our Bird Sculpture
with recycled material

All activities run from
10.30am - 12.30pm
FREE KIDS PROGRAM


FROM THE HILLS TO THE SEA
BRING THE BEST WE CAN BE

TOORA Primary School

**FEBRUARY
28.2020
FROM 4PM**

**COLOUR EXPLOSION
+ OBSTACLE COURSE**

SUITABLE FOR AGES 4-12

**EVERYONE WELCOME
FOR A FANTASTIC
FAMILY EVENT**

PLEASE WEAR WHITE CLOTHING THAT YOU DON'T
MIND GETTING STAINED

**MUSIC
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FAIRY FLOSS
SLUSHIES**

**\$10 PER RUNNER
\$20 PER FAMILY**

TOORA PS STUDENTS WHO RAISE
SPONSORSHIP MONEY RUN FOR FREE

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT TARA - 0438533446


**Anglicare
Victoria**

LET'S TALK ABOUT PARENTING
A Parents Building Solutions Program



Do you want to know how to talk so children will listen?
Understand what is normal children's behaviour?
Communicate better with your child?
Stay connected to your child?
Come along to these 5 sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you!

WHEN: Tuesday's for 5 weeks
18th Feb to 17th March 2020

TIME: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

WHERE: Foster Primary School
75 Pioneer Street
FOSTER

COST: Free. Bookings essential.

Bookings and further information:
Parentzone Gippsland on 5135 9555 or
parentzone.gippsland@anglicarevic.org.au


5135 9555 | anglicarevic.org.au

**BETTER
TOMORROWS**

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



5th February 2020



"Small School, Big Opportunities"
Kindness, Cooperation, Resilience, Respect

Tarwin Lower Primary School

School Road

Tarwin Lower 3956

Ph. 5663 5263

Fax. 5663 5474

tarwin.lower.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Total Qty	Total Cost
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 due
14.02.2020

Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



BLUEWOLF
PHOTOGRAPHY

T: (03) 5678 5165 M: 0407 912 063 E: info@bluewolfphotography.com.au
A: 9 Gendara St, San Remo, Vic. 3925 www.bluewolfphotography.com.au

**Tuesday 18th
February 2020**

Happy. Professional. Simple.



Sample St Primary School 2013 - grade 4/5



Tarwin Lower Primary School

We are at

BLUEWOLF
PHOTOGRAPHY

We're for girls – Girl Guides

Girl Guides are a volunteer, world-wide organization for girls & women

Enabling skills in leadership, teamwork, community service, the outdoors, guiding traditions, craft & games

Come and try for two weeks

The Girl Guides have spaces available for new girls to join in Term 1 2020!

There are Girl Guide units in Leongatha, Phillip Island and Wonthaggi

Being a Girl Guide opens up the world – there are 11 million Girl Guides in 145 countries.

Email Girl Guides Victoria guides@guidesvic.org.au or call (03) 8606 3500.

Local contacts – Cheryl Bertrand email cbertrand@guidesvic.org.au tele: 0408 391 035

Christine Oliver email coliver@guidesvic.org.au tele: 5664 4397



Meeniyan Junior Basketball

AUSSIE HOOPS - A new and exciting program will be offered for children from 5-7 years of age to come join our new Aussie Hoops program. On Friday nights from 3:30pm, starting 21st Feb. Cost \$50 plus Basketball Vic Registration fee. Includes skills/playing, plus an Aussie Hoops bag. **We would also like to invite any new players 7 - 15 years to come join our competition.**

Mini's from 4.15pm & Intermediates & Youth players from 5.15pm on Friday nights. Season starts Friday 21st February. Could all new players or any players **not** playing or unavailable 1st game please contact Kim 0427346048 or Darlene 0417640035. If you played last season you will be automatically put into a team, unless you have already advised us otherwise. Names must be in by 13th Feb, late names will not be accepted.

Teams & times for Mini's, Intermediates & Youth will be published in the Star news paper on Tuesday 18th Feb & on our Website/facebook page. (Cost \$50 per player plus Basketball Vic Registration fee)