

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School
Small School, Big Opportunities

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Dear Families,

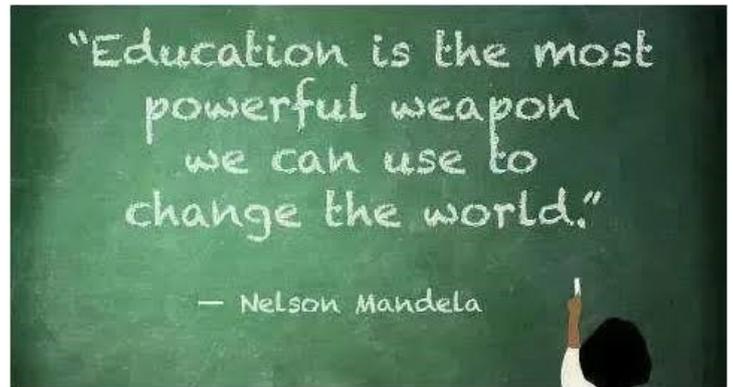
This year our school has been involved in the departments Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative. Working and collaborating with teachers and leaders from Fish Creek Primary, Toora Primary and Welshpool Primary, to improve student outcomes in numeracy.

The idea of PLC's is a simple one—teachers learn more when their teachers work together. Being a small school, just means we have to be more creative in how this happens and create opportunities for the teachers to work with others teaching the same year level.

A PLC focuses on student learning and is evidence based and data driven. Working across schools to discuss effective teaching strategies requires trust and a growth mindset. These professional conversations are so important, as you don't know what you don't know!

Teaching is so much more than just handing out a worksheet. It involves scaffolding lessons to build student learning, clear explicit teaching of new learning and addressing misconceptions, assessment of student progress and extending their knowledge—all in an engaging classroom culture which encompasses cognitive, social and emotional development.

Ms Renee Pilkington has been working with teachers and leaders in a cycle of continuous improvement. This work will continue next year, and we are looking forward to the learning that is to come for both teachers and students.



NEW SCHOOL MOBILE

The school has just acquired a mobile phone which will now be taken on all events out of the school. This means that in an emergency we can make contact with relevant authorities, departments etc quickly and easily. We can also contact parents quickly as well.

Recently the school had no working telephones again. Our phones are linked in to the internet, so when we lose connection, we lose all telephones as well.

If (when) this happens again parents will still be able to contact us by calling the mobile and vice versa.

Please place the following mobile number in your phone for use in emergencies:

0491 706 293

Jenni Cox Principal



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- **Swimming Lessons**

Student swimming lessons at SPLASH Leongatha start next week.

Thank you to the 11 families that have already paid and given consent via Compass. Please log on before Friday 8th November if you have not already done so. If you are eligible for CSEF, you can choose this option when giving consent. If you are having difficulty logging on, please see Lindy in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and she can print off a form for you.

The lessons are at a reduced rate of only \$15.00 as they are subsidised through Sporting Schools and the department. The full cost of the lessons per child is \$70.00—so please make the most of this great and potentially life saving opportunity.

- **Term 4 MARC Preview.**

Term 4 sees us beginning our MARC Library teaching sessions with a unit of learning based on the work of several exemplary and well known Australian authors. Researching for and engaging with the work of these authors heightened our awareness of these people's unique, insightful and valued talents.

Our goal for this unit of learning is: to discuss, understand and realise the author's intent. The junior classes will focus on books written and illustrated by Nick Bland. They will engage with titles such as "The Very Hungry Bear" and "The Magnificent Tree". Nick Bland cleverly adds engaging provocation within his text and his illustrations are simple but incorporate detail. The Middle classes will be introduced to Glenda Millard. She is the author of "Mrs Wartymelons" with it's message, 'sometimes the impossible is possible. We just have to go about it in a different way'. This book will be contrasted with, amongst others, another of Glenda's titles, "Angel Breath". The

senior students will look at the stunning artworks by Graeme Base including classics such as "Animalia" and "The Eleventh Hour". Students will read interviews and listen to the chosen authors speak in podcasts, thus learning about how they generate ideas and where they find their inspiration for creating beautiful picture story books.

In weeks five and six new literature will be shared with all students. The junior classes will be read eg. "Miss Kraken" by Nicki Greenberg. The middle classes will be read eg. "Searching For Cicadas" by Lesley Gibbs. The senior classes will be read eg. "The Gift" by Michael Speechley.

In weeks 7, 8 and 9 in the junior classes, the emergency services of ambulance, police and fire will be discussed using supportive literature. This will be a timely reminder of the importance of safety in our lives, especially as the holidays approach. The middle and senior classes will also review fire safety with emphasis on family fire plans.

In weeks 8 and 9 the middle classes will be read literature which addresses ethical dilemmas. The senior classes will be read literature which highlights global issues. They will be given the opportunity to discuss and research issues which they believe are pertinent to them or our world.

In week 10 all classes will enjoy old and new Christmas stories and partake in craft opportunities.

Our focus for this term is as always: to develop the love of literature and provide opportunities to learn about and use Library skills.

Yours in Reading,

Jeanette Johnson



• **Tarwin District Auto Festival**

The Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay Men’s Shed is hosting an Auto Festival on the Melbourne Cup long weekend. (Please see flyer at the end of this newsletter) This will be a family event with classic/vintage cars, vintage tractors, trucks and motorcycles. There will also be jumping castles, mini golf, face painting, horse and cart rides, food and market stalls.

The school is excited to be taking part in this event and we would like to have a stall.

We will need the help of our school parents to make this stall successful.

We need a parent who would be willing to donate some of their time to work at the stall. Please contact the office or Vanessa or Kathryn if you can help.

• **The Kids Pearly Whites**

Don’t forget to fill in your dental forms

The Dental Health Van will be visiting our school for a week, beginning the 9th December. Another form has been sent home for each child. To date, we have only had 5 families take up this free offer!!!

Even if you don’t have a Health Care Card, the students still get a **free** check up! Now you don’t need to drive to Wonthaggi to go to the dentist!

Collection Date for Forms is: 06/11/2019

• **Food Handling 2020**

If you are considering volunteering to help with cooking lunches next year, we would like to invite you to complete a food handling course in 2020. The school will pay for you to attend. Please see Lindy or Jenni if you would like to do this.

We are also looking for a parent to coordinate the lunches for next year. Please let us know if you can help.

• **Parent Helpers**

Just a reminder that we are always looking for parent volunteers. Here are some of the ways you can help at the school;

- ◊Organising Bookclub
- ◊Contacting books
- ◊School library
- ◊Listening to reading
- ◊School lunches
- ◊Breakfast
- ◊Auto Festival

We are also after some people to swap the fridge and pantry in the student kitchen. Until this is done, the freezer is unable to be turned on.

We just require helpers to have a WWCC and complete a short induction.

• **Every Day Counts**

Thank you to the families who have returned or filled in their children's absent notes.

Letters have again gone out today if your child has been absent with no reason recorded into Compass.

Please return the letter or log onto Compass and put reasons for your child/ren not attending school.

• **Happy Birthday**

Riley turned 12!



• **Lunches \$3.00**

Friday 1st November Simone McGrath

Puff Pastry Pinwheels - 1) Vegetarian with Cheese
2) Pizza (ham and pineapple)

Lunches for the rest of term will be advised as soon as we have information. Due to swimming, we are hoping that the café will cater. Stay tuned.....



• **HATS!**

Term 4 means school hats on for all our students. Hats are navy and have a wide brim. All students should now be wearing their hats whenever they are outside. Students who have their name written clearly inside their hats are more likely to have it returned to them.

Hats are available in the school office for \$8.00 each.

Students without hats are required to play in the shade during recess and lunch.

• **How many bread tags can your family collect?**

Our jar is almost full!! Keep up all your great work—we should have it full before the holidays! So please keep sending in all your bread tags.

• **Preps 2020**

Here are our Transition dates for our 2020 preps. If you know of any families who have children that might be starting school next year, please encourage them to contact the school.

**TRANSITION DATES
FOR PREPS BEGINNING IN 2020**

1	Friday 8 th November	9-11am
2	Friday 15 th November	9-11am
3	Friday 22 nd November	9-11am
4	Friday 29 th November	9-11am
5	Friday 6 th December	9-11am
6	Tuesday 10 th December	9-11am

• **Money**

Please ensure that all money sent to school is clearly labelled. Money is placed into the letterbox by students which is emptied by a senior student. Therefore, if the envelope or plastic bag does not have a name on it, then we don't know who the payment is for.

• **Reminders from the Office**

✓ **Swimming Reminder-** We are still waiting for permission and payment for a number of students. You can give permission and pay via Compass. If you have CSEF money and wish to pay with that, there is now an option to check a box which will flag CSEF as your chosen method of payment.

✓ **Advanced notice:** During our end of year BBQ on Thursday 19th December, Santa will visit us on the back of the fire truck. Our tradition is that Santa brings each student (and siblings if you wish) a book. Parents are asked to supply a wrapped and clearly labelled book for each of their children. Bookclub is a great way to get these. Books can be dropped off at the office anytime leading up to the 19th December.

✓ **Bookclub:** One family from our school purchased **Little Genius: Number Fun Magnetics** from Issue 6 of Bookclub, delivered just prior to the end of Term 3. It appears that the minus magnets were not included. Scholastic have sent these to me, but I don't have a record of who ordered the set. It would not have been an online order. If you ordered this, please contact Lindy to get your minus magnets.

• **Well Done Awards**

Our certificates this week were for including others.





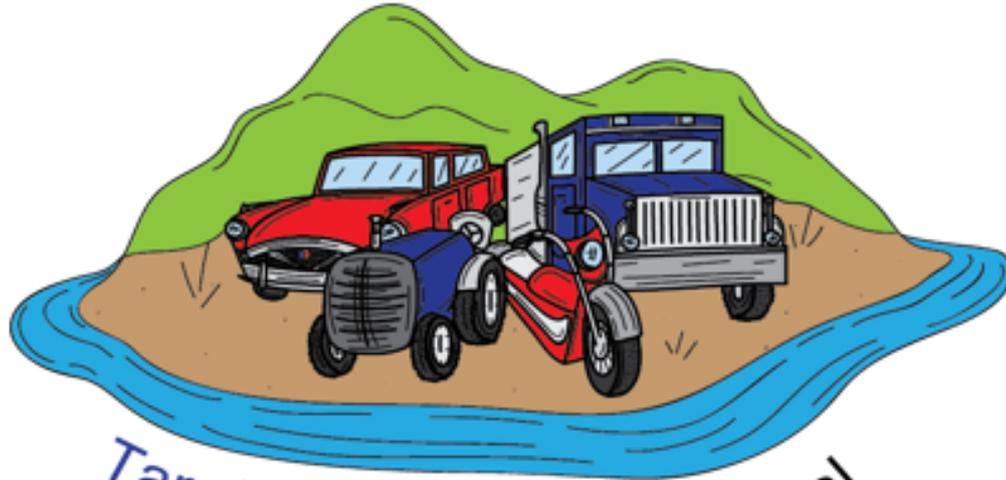
For Your Calendar

Term 4 2019

All of October	Walk to school
Thursday 31st October	Halloween Dress Up Day (JSC)
Sunday 3rd November	Auto Festival
Monday 4th November	Melbourne Cup Curriculum Day
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Friday 8th November	Whole School Swimming Lessons 9am-1.30pm
Friday 8th November	Transition for 2020 Preps 9-11am
Tuesday 12th November	School Council Meeting@6.00pm
Thursday 14th November	Whole School Swimming Lessons 12pm—3.20pm
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Friday 6th December	Transition for 2020 Preps 9-11am
9th-12th December	School Dental Visit
9th-10th December	LSC Orientation Days
10th December	Statewide Transition Day 2020 Preps 9 - 11am
12th December	School Council Meeting and End of Year Dinner
18th December	Christmas Concert & Grade 6 Graduation
18th December	Student reports available to parents on Compass
19th December	Christmas BBQ lunch and Santa visit
20th December	Cleaning day—no formal classes running



**VENUS BAY, TARWIN LOWER DISTRICT MEN'S SHED INC.
PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL**



Tarwin District Auto Festival

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, 2019, 9.30am – 3.30pm.

**TARWIN LOWER RECREATIONAL RESERVE
WALKERVILLE RD, TARWIN LOWER.**

**Cars, Motorcycles, Tractors, Trucks, Children's Activities,
Food, Market, CFA, CERT, SES Displays.
A Family Fun Day.**

ENTRY: \$5.00 per exhibitor, includes one passenger. Patrons: \$5.00 per adult, under 15yrs free.

Please support our local sponsors:-

- BALD HILLS WIND FARM
- MAK MOWING
- TARWIN FUEL SHOP
- TARWIN POST OFFICE
- BLACKBEAR FABRICATIONS
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL
- * THE CAVITY VENUS BAY
- * IGA TARWIN LOWER
- * TOWNSEND'S PLANT FARM
- * BAY GOURMET CAFÉ
- * SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
- * KOBUSHI DOJOS VENUS BAY
- * PBE REAL ESTATE
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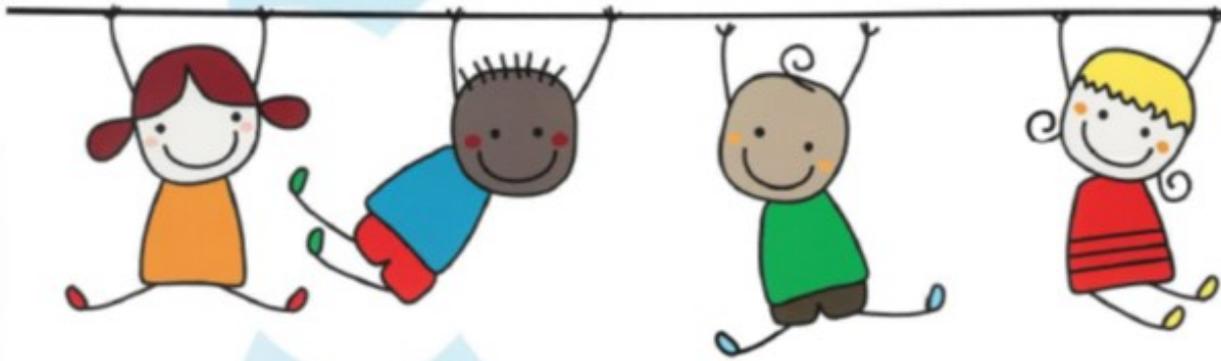
For further details :- Mike Gardner 0416 125 807 Email: stude1@live.com Graham Kennedy 0431 442 882.



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30th October 2019



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



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Primary School



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Bring a friend and have lots of fun together!



Free

Come and Try

Children's Nippers Session

Cup long weekend

Monday the 4th November 10am – 11.30am

Venus Bay Surf Club

Register 9.45am on the day or email vbnippercoordinator2019.2020@gmail.com

Suitable for children between the ages of 6-13 years of age.

Try out some nippers activities aimed at developing surf awareness, surf skills, water safety in a fun and friendly environment.

Each child will participate in 3 supervised activities* on the day and receive an icy pole.

**dependant on beach conditions*

(boarding, swimming, wading, flags and beach games)

Bring along: bathers, towel, water bottle and wetsuit (if cold).

(The club will supply a pink vest and cap which must be worn whilst participating)

10am – welcome, explanation about nippers, engage with parents and sort into 3 groups.

10.15am – head to the beach stop at the top explain about tide, rips and conditions.

10.30am – Activity 1

10.50am – Activity 2

11.10am – Activity 3

11.30am - Children head up for an icy pole and show bag with further information about joining for the summer season of nippers.

Group	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
A red (U6-U7's)	Flags	Beach games	Wading
B yellow (U8-U10's)	Wading	Boards*	Flags
C blue (U11's-U13's)	Boards*	Flags	Swim*

**dependant on water safety and numbers*

*(*suitable for children who have not participated in nippers at Venus Bay before).*