

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School  
Small School, Big Opportunities

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

What a lovely welcome back I have had from the whole school community—students, parents and staff.

Whilst I enjoyed my time and the experience at San Remo Primary School, as well as my month long holiday through the middle of Australia and Indonesia (Bali and Java), it is lovely to be back. It really is like coming home

I would like to thank Ms Jo Healy for doing an absolutely fantastic job as Acting Principal for most of this year. The school is humming along wonderfully. 😊

There is a few things to note in this newsletter;

- Keeping our kids safe in the carpark
- Video links on how to use Compass for permissions, etc
- Reminder that we are a BARR school, and how it affects our school.
- Some Term 4 “Dates to Remember” are included—these are now also on the Compass Calendar

**VOLUNTEER AT  
SCHOOL  
BREAKFAST  
CLUB**



Providing healthy breakfasts

- We are also desperate for breakfast volunteers, our two community volunteers (who have no attachment to the school), are away on holidays. We would love to see some parents volunteer less than an hour of their time for the kids of the school. Any day of the week—you just need a WWCC.

Again, it is lovely to be back and I am excited to be working with such a great school community.

Yours Sincerely,

*Jenni Cox*

Principal



Bu Tias in Bandung



Freya in Jakarta

Borobudur—the world's  
largest Buddhist temple



Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



## Car Park Safety

Over recent weeks, we have been monitoring the parking and drive-through arrangements for parents who transport their students to school by car, so that all students, parents and staff are safe at all times.

Please note:

- Vehicles should not travel at greater than 5 km/h in the car park, as there are many staff, students and other vehicles moving around the carpark.
- We put the barriers out during bus times for our students' safety—please don't drive through or around them—wait until the bus has gone and the barriers are removed or park on the far right hand side of the carpark where you can exit more safely.
- Reversing in the carpark or out onto the road is a major safety hazard and puts our students and families at risk—please wait until you can exit the carpark safely.
- Please also ensure that you supervise your students when walking through the car park before and after school.

assist with becoming familiar with their parent portal.

- [Adding a note/approval](#) : Parents are shown the process of adding a note to explain their child's attendance after their child has been marked NP/U or L/U and also how to add a note in advance for a known upcoming absence.
- [Processing Events](#): This video covers the process of how parents can consent/pay online for events via the parent portal.
- [Processing Events in App](#): This video guides parents through processing event consent/payment via the Compass School Manager App

## Reminders from the office



- ☒ Lunches are back this week. Grades Prep/1/2/3 are cooking up something special!!
- ☒ Bookclub orders are due in this Friday. You can send the order form and cash to school or complete your order online via the Scholastic LOOP system
- ☒ School banking is every Tuesday. Some students are very close to getting a reward. Remember to keep banking!!



## Compass Parent Tutorials

There are a range of video tutorials for parent access. Each video contains content from a parent's perspective .

### Parent Tutorials -

- [Using the Compass School Manager App](#) : This video takes parents through the range of features and options of the Compass School Manager app including adding notes, accessing reports and viewing the newsfeed.
- [The Parent Portal overview](#) : Parents are taken through aspects such as how to access their child's information, the menu content, newsfeed and more to

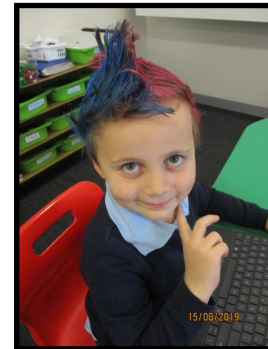
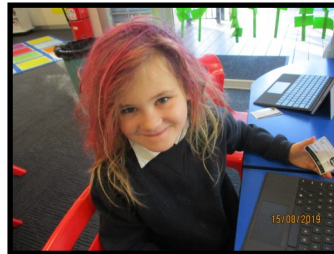


## JSC Crazy Hair Day

On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August JSC held a crazy hair day (see photos). A total of \$59.00 was raised from donations which will go towards the WIGS for KIDS foundation

## Happy Birthday

- ◆ Ozzy turned 12
- ◆ MJ turned 9





## **For Your Calendar**

### **Term 3 2019**

Monday 2nd September	Arts Victoria Performance
Thursday 5th September	Book Week Dress Up Day
Tuesday 10th September	School Council Meeting@6.30pm
Friday 13th September	Divisional Athletics @ Casey (for qualifiers)
Friday 20th September	Last day of Term 3 - 2.20pm finish
Monday 7th October	First day of Term 4
Thursday 10th October	Junior Athletics @Foster Secondary
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 10-11am
Tuesday 12th November	School Council Meeting@6.30pm
Thursday 14th November	Whole School Swimming Lessons 12pm–3.20pm
Friday 15th November	Transition for 2020 Preps 9-11am
Friday 22nd November	Whole School Swimming Lessons 9am-1.30pm
Friday 22nd November	Transition for 2020 Preps 9-11am
Friday 29th November	Whole School Swimming Lessons 9am-1.30pm
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Friday 6th November	Whole School Swimming Lessons 9am-1.30pm Transition for 2020 Preps 9-11am





# Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

## 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 via Compass. 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.
- Playgroup will also be cancelled on these days.
- 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. As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

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 Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises 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 numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters. 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>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND**  
Central enrolment for three-year-old kindergarten

**CLOSES 30 SEP**





**Is your child ready for three-year-old kindergarten in 2020?**

To enrol your child in funded three-year-old kindergarten for next year, you will need to register now. Kindergarten enrolment is centralised through South Gippsland Shire Council. Simply complete a single enrolment form and nominate your kindergarten preferences. Enrolments must be lodged by 30 September.

**You can enrol at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)**

For more information, please phone 5662 9200

**TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB**

We run a School Breakfast Club to ensure our students can have a healthy and happy start to their school day. All students at our school are invited to attend our warm and welcoming Breakfast Club.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with:

- setting up our breakfast area
- helping prepare and serve breakfast to students
- providing valuable social interaction for students
- cleaning up at the conclusion of breakfast.

**DETAILS**

**DAYS:** Any day

**TIME:** 8.20am-9.15am

**CONTACT:** The school office

**Did you know that 1 in 5 people in Australia - including children - go hungry?**

The School Breakfast Clubs Program is delivered by Foodbank Victoria in partnership with the State Government. It provides healthy breakfasts to thousands of students in 500 primary schools across Victoria. To find out more, please visit [www.foodbankvictoria.org.au](http://www.foodbankvictoria.org.au)

