

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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## Principal's Report

Dear Families,

How exciting it is to be back!

Firstly a big thank you to all the staff and students for making me feel so welcome. It is such a lovely school community to be part of and I look forward to working with the staff, students and their families over the next few weeks.

As I think about 2020, and all that it has offered, I always look for the positives.

Every new experience this year I have seen as an opportunity...

- An opportunity to connect
- An opportunity for reflection
- An opportunity to learn
- An opportunity for change
- An opportunity to grow

Each opportunity that arises may send you in a different direction to where you thought you were headed. This can be confronting and confusing at times, however I am excited by this, as you never know what each new opportunity will bring!

Thank you again, for all your support as I step into this role and I look forward to the many opportunities that will come my way whilst I am at Tarwin Lower PS.



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Warm Regards,

*Jo Healy*

Acting Principal





### Hay fever and asthma

During grass pollen season between October and December, there is an increased risk of seasonal asthma, hay fever and epidemic thunderstorm asthma.

It's more important than ever for parents and students to manage any hay fever or asthma symptoms, as these conditions can produce symptoms that are similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) such as runny nose, cough or shortness of breath.

The best way to reduce and prevent symptoms of asthma or hay fever and reduce unnecessary absences from school is to follow an up-to-date asthma action plan or hay fever treatment plan. If you have any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, even mild, please stay home and get tested.

### Compass Comment

Next week your child's second term 4 Compass comment will be published. It is on Reading. Please have a read and keep up to date with your child's progress at school.

### Welcome back to our school

We welcome Bohdy back to our school, and his dad Bret.

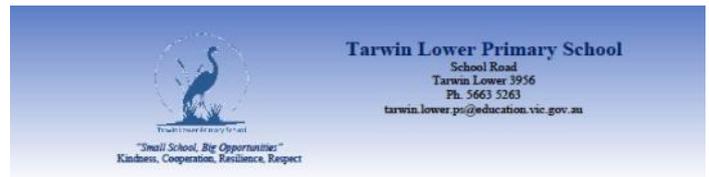
### Library Books

Please check around your house for library books belonging to the school or the MARC van. Soon we will be asking for all books to be returned prior to the end of the year.

A green notice has been sent home to any families with overdue MARC books. Please return them to the school as soon as possible.

### Pallets

We have two wooden and two plastic pallets at school. They are free for anyone who wants them. They will be going in the skip we are ordering if they are not taken.



### TRANSITION DATES FOR PREPS BEGINNING IN 2021

1.	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	11.30-1.30pm
2.	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	11.30-1.30pm
3.	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	11.30-1.30pm
4.	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30-1.30pm
5.	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (Statewide Transition Day)	9.00-11.00am



### Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep, and the Grade 6's moving into Year 7.

We have had staff from Leongatha Secondary College in to speak to our Grade 6 students and also the rest of the senior grade.

Our Prep transition days will continue as planned. The current guidelines from DET are below.

*Small group kinder-to-school transition activities are permitted in schools in regional Victoria, such as parents, educators and children meeting a Prep teacher in a school environment. Group size should not exceed 10 people and no intermixing with other students at the school should occur.*

Ms Dye has been busy visiting the kindergartens and child care centres in the area. She has visited 4 different preschool centres so far!!



## JSC

Don't forget the dress up day this Friday!

- ⇒ Dress Up Day—dress as your favourite character from any movie or tv show  
Friday 30th October
- ⇒ Tarwin's Got Talent - later in the year
- ⇒ Christmas Dress Up Day—on a day in the last week of term

## Respectful Relationships

Each week our students have a Social and Emotional lesson. This week and next the lesson focus is on **Positive Coping**.

The Learning Intention for each grades is;

- \* **Prep**—I can identify what can help me cope when I experience negative emotions
- \* **1/2**— I can explore the difference between calming and cheering coping strategies.
- \* **3/4**—I can identify that everyone has different fears, responses and coping strategies
- \* **5/6**— I can describe the difference between positive and negative coping strategies.

## Enrol Your 2021 Prep Now!

It is that time of year again when families enrol their child for Prep for 2021.

Whilst we are no longer able to undertake school tours in person, we are happy to chat and highlight all of the key programs that our school provides our students.

Parents are unable to come onto the school site to fill in enrolment forms - therefore we have our enrolment form on our website, which can be completed by families and emailed to us. Then our office staff will contact you to discuss this further.  
<https://www.tarwinlowerps.vic.edu.au/forms>

Alternatively, you can contact the school on 5663 5263 and speak with one of our staff and they will talk you through the process.

## Update Details

Please remember to notify us if you change phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses etc. It's very important that we have your latest details if we need to contact you.

## End of Year Celebrations

At the moment, we don't know what type of end of year celebrations we might be able to have. As Victoria opens up, permitted gatherings may change. We will keep you informed of what's happening and what is allowed.

Traditionally, Santa arrives by Fire Truck on the second last day of term 4. All parents are asked to supply a wrapped and labelled book for each of their children (including pre-schoolers and older children if you wish). Santa usually hands the books out to the children.

At present, no visitors (including Santa!) are allowed in the school.

We don't know if or when this might change.

However, we are still asking parents to supply a wrapped and labelled book for their children.

*(If Santa can't visit, he can leave the books in his sack at school to be handed to the students by the teachers.)*

So start buying your books in preparation. There is one more Book Club to come in November. It's a great way to buy those gifts easily.

Please let Lindy know if you are ordering Bookclub Books for this reason, and she can hold the books at school until you pick them up, so your children don't see them.

We are also unsure how (or if) our Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony and End of Year Concert will take place—but will keep you posted.





## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 30th October	Favourite Movie/TV Character Dress Up Day
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day. No students at school
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Friday 13th November	First Prep Transition 11.30am- 1.30pm
Tuesday 17th November	School Council Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 20th November	Second Prep Transition 11.30am - 1.30pm
Friday 27th November	Third Prep Transition 11.30am - 1.30pm

### Achievement Awards

We hope families enjoyed watching the assembly via the link we sent out on the 16th October. We will do this again this week.

Well done to the following students for their awards for **Being Positive**.

- P/1— Griffin
- 2/3—Reeve & Maggie
- 4/5/6- Lewis



Leaf Recipients!



### School Bank Details

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



### Bread Tags

Remember to continue to collect your bread tags this term.

### Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday.

◆ **Jaxon**



This week the award chosen by the grade 6's is for **Being Encouraging**.



# CHARACTER DAY



Favourite  
Character  
Dress Up Day

Dress up as your favourite tv  
or movie character

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October





# Leongatha Little Athletics

LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF RUNNING, JUMPING  
AND THROWING TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR ALL SPORTS



The 2020/2021 season commences Saturday 7th  
November 9am at the Leongatha Velodrome.

For athletes 5 - 15 years old

On Track Skill Development Program for 5 year olds

We encourage new athletes to "Come and Try" by registering without paying  
prior to the day. This is necessary as per Covid-19 protocol.

Register online at <https://lavic.com.au/membership/>

**RETURNING ATHLETES MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID PRIOR TO COMPETING**

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