Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Small School, Big Opportunities

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Newsletter No. 2

Principal's Report

Thank you to all who attended the recent Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences. It was a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to meet each other, understand what is happening in the classroom and to celebrate the successes of their child.

Coming to conferences is also a chance for your child to see that you are taking an active interest and getting involved in their learning journey. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour. Family involvement has a major impact on student learning.

We hope we can continue to strengthen our partnerships, and together we can ensure that your child's future is full of possibilities.

If you were unable to attend the Conferences, please contact your child's teacher to arrange another time.

The school and teachers focus of learning for the next few years is maths. When teachers work together to improve their practice, students learn more. This simple yet powerful approach is at the heart of our school.

We have been learning about Maths Anxiety, and how to alleviate this by linking maths to a growth mindset. We examined common myths, such as boys are good at maths and girls are good at reading.

We watched a clip entitled, "How you can be good at math, and other surprising facts about learning" (Jo Boaler). It can be found here. I would recommend parents watch the first 3.50 minutes.

On page 9 of the newsletter I have included an article that was in The Age. It is about how parents need to be aware of the online dangers for their children.





Many primary school children access the internet, games, etc without supervision. Unfortunately, there are people out there that will take advantage of children. We want our students to be safe in person and online.

The e-safety commissioner has a website found here—which lists apps, the minimum age, privacy settings, how to make a report, etc. It is a great one stop shop for many of the games/ social media the children access.

Finally, on page four of the newsletter, there is a term letter from our new MARC library Van teacher Ms Sophie Callcott. It explains the activities and learning the students will be involved in.

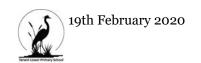
Have a wonderful week.

Warm Regards,

Jenní Cox

Principal





Helping your kids with writing ideas

A few times a term (twice this term), the kids participate in the Big Write as a whole school.

This is not a test, and the students get help as they would in a normal writing lesson.

They take home a writing stimulus so they can talk about it with an adult and get ideas. There is an example of home talk <u>here.</u>

Compass

Compass is our schools web-based platform for attendance, reports, learning tasks, communication,

and events and payment/permissions.



You can load the

Compass App on your phone for easier use.

If you have forgotten your password, please see Lindy or Jenni and we can reset it. If you would like extra support navigating the system, please see Jenni and we can book in a time.

All students have a Learning Task of Learning Behaviours in Compass.

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 Kaye volunteering on Mondays, but no one else on the other days. It would be great to have breakfast served at least twice a week.

Lunches

Thank you to Vanessa who has her Certificate 2 in food handling and will also be organising lunches. Stay tuned for more information.

A Mozzie Swarm!

The hot weather and then rain has been the ideal conditions for mozzies and midges to breed. As a result, we have many of these critters about in the yard.

Students are most welcome to bring a roll-on

repellent to school and apply this at recess and lunchtime. No aerosols please.

The school had a gas mosquito catcher that kept the students free from these insects buzzing about their heads. It has disappeared from our school yard. If you know where it is, please let us know so we can use it again for the kids.

School Council

School Council is a great way to be involved at the school.

Nominations close today at 4pm. Please call the office if you are interested.

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

Meet other families at our school BBQ



Come and meet other families at our annual school BBQ on **Wednesday 4th March** from 5.30pm. This is a great opportunity to bring our school community together and allow new to the school to meet other families.

Bread and sausages are supplied. Please bring a dessert or salad to share. BYO plates, cups, drinks, cutlery, picnic rug. See the flyer attached to the newsletter.

Please note; all school events are alcohol and smoking free.

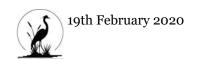


We look forward to seeing you there.



Centrelink Cards

If you have recently received a Centrelink Card and have not already done so, please come in to the office and apply for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. This is \$125.00 paid into your school account to fund Camps, Sports & Excursions.



Sports Day for grade 3, 4, 5, 6.

On **Friday 13th March**, students in grades 3-6 will be participating in our Cluster Athletics Day at Foster Secondary College.

It has changed from previous years, as the schools participating will be from Tarwin Valley and Fish Creek Primary Schools only. The Foster, Toora and Welshpool PS will be competing in a separate athletics day. This is due to the rising numbers at the schools, making wait time at events very long.

It is hoped that this change will ensure students are waiting to compete for a shorter time frame. The students results are recorded, and if successful, students will go through to the District Athletics on Wednesday 25th March. Parents are to organise their child's transport to Foster and are welcome to stay and watch the events. Remember to bring lunch, drink bottle and a hat, as well as a picnic rug and/or chairs (for the parents).

Keeping our Students Safe

Last year we had barriers up in the carpark to remind drivers to not drive past the bus in the afternoon.

We are not using these at the moment, but ask parents to either park on the other side of the carpark, or wait until the bus has left before departing the school grounds.

We want all our kids to get home safely, and for our young people to become old people.

Playgroup

Tarwin Lower Playgroup is again up and running with Michelle. It is run by South Gippsland Shire, and is every Friday from 9-11am during the school term.

There is no cost, and it is a great opportunity for parents and children to come together and talk and play.

Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter.

Helping to Keep our Community Clean

Our school will again be involved in Clean Up Australia Day on Friday the 28th February. We will be picking up rubbish in our local community. Depending on the weather forecast, this will either be in the morning or after lunch. By again being involved with this special day, the students are ensuring our environment is clean and understand the impact of littering. It also gives students a feeling of belonging and connectedness to their community - which are important factors in student's mental health.

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 her on fishervanessa59@gmail.com

Speech Pathology in Schools

We are pleased to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the Speech Pathology in Schools initiative for 2020.

In addition to the support which already occurs in our school, we will have a speech pathologist working with educators in the early years.

They will share specialist knowledge and skills with

educators to support them to develop strategies and skills to work with children who have speech, language and communication needs. The speech pathologists will also support us to identify appropriate referral pathways to address individual children's needs if required.

Throughout the year we will continue to provide updates to you regarding the initiative and our school's involvement.

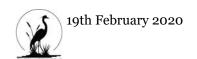
School Banking

Last week students were given information to take home regarding the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program.

This is a wonderful tool to teach students regular saving habits.

Our banking day is Tuesday. Students can bring their dollarmite deposit books with their money. A token will be issued for each deposit. After 10 deposits, students can choose a reward.

If you wish to participate, please see the information leaflet for details on opening an account. If your child already has a dollarmite account with the Commonwealth Bank they can begin depositing through school any time. Any questions - see Lindy in the office.



Term 1 preview for MARC Library 2020.

Why do we read? What do we read? How do we read? When do we read? Where do we read?

These are questions we ask when we are planning the MARC learning program for students.

We also ask the flip side of these questions. Why do we want students to listen to stories or information? What sort of stories do students like to listen to? How do students listen? When do students listen best? Where do students like to be when listening to stories?

Our planning this term has caused us to discuss these questions. We want and will support students to achieve optimum learning about and enjoyment in the many literary and literacy opportunities we are able to offer them. To hold, read, discuss and share one of the wonderful books we have been able to access, gives our teaching meaning and integrity.

We began this term with several books which shared the themes of beginning school and beginning a new school year. Senior students were amused by the text 'Back to School Rules by Friedman Laurie'. This book provided the focus and expectations which students were able to use when discussing best rules and expectations which should be actively used in and during all MARC learning sessions. Grades prep, one and two experienced the excitement of climbing up into the MARC van and seeing where picture story books, nonfiction books and small appropriate novels are shelved. Grades 3 – 6 noted changes in reshelving of resources which we believe will better help them in their MARC Library borrowing choices. A plus for us that our hard work had been noted! All students discussed classroom expectations and MARC van usage expectations. This was complemented by reviewing the importance of readiness for learning, engagement and openness to given learning intentions.

In weeks 3 – 6, inclusive, all students will be immersed in an author study. Students in prep/one and two will listen to and learn more about stories written by Aaron Blabey. Students in grades 3 and 4 will listen to stories written by Penny Mathews and students in grades 5 and 6 will listen to stories written by Bob Graham. These sessions will focus on the author's big idea and will be accompanied where possible by youtube clips, interviews and author background. These authors focus on feelings, values, resilience, problem solving and many aspects of life and living. We chose these authors because of their brilliant abilities to create and write engaging, exciting stories. We also believe that these authors understand life's little but important aspects and share this in their carefully crafted text. We also read and share these books as a 'heart read', a bonus to us as their MARC Library teachers.

In week 7 we will use new literature in our learning sessions. We receive new literature regularly. These are processed and all are offered as new books to our students. All students are excited to read new books, read the next book in a series or read a nonfiction book based on interest. This attitude is a valued aspect of learning.

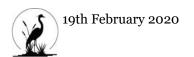
In week 8 we will read books which focus on Easter to all students.

At the end of last year we found that a number of books had not been returned despite overdue notices, reminders and the wonderful cooperation of class teachers. It has been gratifying to have parents, in these first few weeks, make contact and in several cases have immediately returned the book, or books overdue to their child. We continue to discuss and incorporate various ways to support children in accepting and knowing that borrowing a 'looked forward to' book is wonderful but with that privilege comes the responsibility of caring for and returning that book on time so that others can experience the same enjoyment.

We look forward to teaching our MARC Library sessions in your schools this term.

Yours in reading,

Sophie Callcott



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 school captains choose Being Confident in

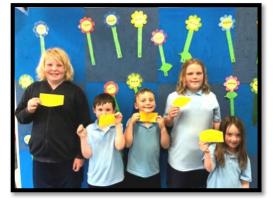


And Being Honest in week 3.



Our Golden Leaves students for the past two weeks;



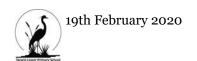


Students receive a green leaf from a teacher when they are showing our school values or fantastic learning behaviours.



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





For Your Calendar—Term 1 2020

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 Pupetti

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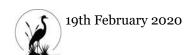




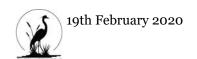
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Tarwin Lower Playgroup

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

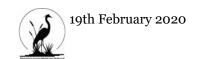
WHERE YOUR CHILD CAN PLAY AND LEARN

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









Parents in the dark as child predators evolve, online exploitation soars By Zach Hope - The Age February 12, 2020

Online child exploitation has soared from 1000 Australian cases to 17,000 in a decade, with federal police warning parents that they are being left behind while predators evolve their methods and target new platforms.

Investigators are finding sex offenders infiltrating new spaces such as online gaming to trade messages with children under the guise of being another like-minded enthusiast.

Others are turning to parents themselves, tricking them and their children with promises of fashion competitions or pretending to come recommended by friends.

Australian Federal Police child safety manager Marina Simoncini said there was also a trend for predators to use a scatter-gun approach to target hundreds of children at any given time "and see who bites", dispelling perceptions that offenders carefully identified victims and spent months or years to groom them.

In one particularly notable case, a Melbourne man created more than 80 female social media profiles and bombarded children until he had duped more than 30 unwitting victims and acquired more than 500,000 items of child abuse material. The man was caught, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 years in jail early last year.

The demographic of offenders was also widening, Ms Simoncini said. While most were older men, increasing numbers of women and people between the ages of 18 and 24 were among those busted by investigators.

ONLINE DANGERS

- 80% of four-year-olds are using the internet.
- 30% of those have access to their own device.
- 21% of parents think their child could be sexually exploited online.
- 3% say online grooming is a concern.
- 52% talk to their children about online safety.
- 23% of parents sit with their children while they use the internet.
- **51%** do not know how to keep children safe from online sexual exploitation.

Australian victims or offenders were the subject of more than 17,000 individual reports in 2019 ranging from online grooming to transmitting or receiving explicit images, according to new data released by the federal police. Ms Simoncini said this was up from about 1000 cases in 2009.

Once a surprising outlier, many of these cases now included babies, while some forums, particularly in south-east Asia, advertised children "almost like basketball cards".
Results from a survey by the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation, released on Thursday as part of this year's launch of the ThinkUKnow child safety program, show many parents are still unaware of online risks to their children.

Of more than 3000 people surveyed, only 3 per cent listed online grooming as a concern, while only half made the effort to discuss online safety with their children.

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Tarwin Lower Pony Club

TARWIN LOWER PONY CLUB DATE'S 2020

Rally Time: 10am - 3pm 🧥 Please try to arrive by 9.30am

Recreation Reserve Rally Day every 4th Saturday of each month at the Tarwin Lower

February 22nd

April 25th

March 28th

May 23rd

June 27th

August 22nd

July 25th

or concerns you have about your mental health,

alcohol and other drugs, general health, sexual

health and relationships

50 Murray Street, Worthaggi

03 5671 5900

We're here to help answer any of your questions

September 26th

November 28th

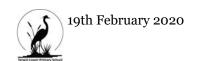
October 24th

December 19th

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📭 Mailing Address: P.O Box 3, Tarwin Lower, Victoria 3956

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REGISTRATION

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INCLUDES:
JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING FROM 5:15
JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING FROM 5:00
PARENT V KIDS FOOTBALL MATCH
MEALS AVALIABLE AFTER TRAINING

FOOTBALL

NETBALL 1180 1380 1580 1780



JASON 0409 977 347



LAURA 0408 172 609

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MARCH 5 2020

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Tarwin Sharks Football Netball Club

