

# Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Tarwin Lower Primary School

Small School, Big Opportunities

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Well, it looks like a long week of wet and cold weather ahead! To help distract us from the weather, we have recently had a visit from Healthy Harrold the Giraffe and the Life Education Van (minus the van due to COVID). Harold and his sidekick Elysia ran workshops on issues that are relevant to many children as they progress through the years. These topics were discussed and unpacked in an age appropriate manner that is enjoyable and engaging. Please discuss this new learning at home to find out your child's understanding and to clear up any misconceptions.

The topics discussed for each year level were:

## **Foundation / Year 1**

### **HAROLD'S FRIEND SHIP**

After building a model spaceship at school, Harold and his friends, Boots and Red venture into an imaginary world in outer space. As the adventure unfolds children explore:

- how to build friendships and care for others
- feelings and emotions
- safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs
- safe places and people to turn to for help

## **Grade 3/4**

### **MIND YOUR MEDICINE**

Using a friendly game show format Mind Your Medicine develops students' understanding of medicines and their safe use, positive communication, strategies for managing conflict, stress, and bullying and explores how feelings influence the choices that we make.

- factors that influence someone's sense of self-worth
- techniques for effective communication

- identifying the impact of different factors on health and wellbeing
- strategies for managing stressful situations
- medicines as drugs & the consequences of their misuse

## **Grade 5/6**

### **THINK TWICE**

Using distinctive animated and vox-pop videos, this module tackles the topic of drinking alcohol in an age appropriate context. Students explore concepts such as the effect that alcohol has on body systems, myths and facts about alcohol, laws relating to its sale and reasons why people choose not to consume alcohol.

- myths and facts surrounding the use of alcohol
- strategies for responding to encouragement or pressure to drink
- physical, social & legal consequences of alcohol use
- strategies to reduce harmful effects of alcohol on self and others
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### **NAPLAN**

As a school, we are very impressed with the resilience shown by our Grade 3 and 5 students during the NAPLAN testing period. Thank you to parents and guardians who managed to keep the down anxiety levels at home. We are excited to see the results and to analyse our strengths and weaknesses in our program, as a school.

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## Cross Country

Currently Cross Country, for the selected year 3-6 students, is still going ahead on Thursday the 27th of May. It will be wet and it will be uncomfortable. Please bring a change of clothes and especially shoes and socks to change into on the day. Good luck and well done to the students who have elected to represent the school.

## Extra teachers in rooms, PMSS and Tutoring

We are currently very fortunate to have extra staff members available to help student and staff learning. Your student may mention that Ms Carbone has been spending time in their class running and observing engaging maths sessions or assessing students. Ms Carbone will be trialling her new learning acquired during her Primary Maths and Science Specialist Course, which in turn will increase student engagement and raise outcomes. Also, Teachers will get the chance to be exposed to different ideas and strategies for teaching difficult concepts.

Also Ms Thurgood is often in classes working with the selected tutoring students, to help give them the extra boost in learning and confidence they currently require. We will assess students after every 5 weeks and reassess their learning goals and requirements for tutoring. I am seeing the benefits of having these new staff resources available.

## School Review

As you may know, the school is currently getting prepared for our School Review. As part of this process, the school must consult all stakeholders including staff, students, councillors and parents, on some topics. If we can get a good picture of the school, we can create an effective plan for the future and include it in the school's 4 year School Strategic Plan (SSP).

The process will look at all aspects of the last 4 years. As a positive part of the process, we have been asked to gather highlights from staff, students, councillors and parents/guardians. What things have we done well? You could refer to Teaching and Learning, Student Outcomes, Student Wellbeing, Community Engagement, Communication or something completely different. We would love your opinion.

Please give us your ideas on the google form at the following link

<https://forms.gle/FRNRVF4PguqTp79c7>

or

email us at

Tarwin.lower.ps@education.vic.gov.au

with the subject line as "Highlights".

Warm Regards,

Greg Eddy

Acting Principal



## Transition Dates for 2022 Preps

If you have a child starting school in 2022 please take note of the transition dates on the last page of the newsletter. They are all in Term 4.

Please forward this info on to anyone in the community who has a preschooler.

We are happy to receive parents and children for school tours and to discuss any questions that might arise.

## After School Fun & Sleepover

Please note date change: Now Thursday 17th June

All students are invited to stay after school on Thursday 17th June for games, fun and dinner. Then Prep and 1 students will be picked up by their parents and students in Grades 2 - 6 will stay overnight.

Full information and permission forms will be sent home soon.



Congratulations to our award and leaf recipients





## Dates to Remember

Thursday 27th May	Division Cross Country
Friday 28th May	Winter Sports @ Meeniyah Grade 5/6
Tuesday 1st June	School Council
Thursday 3rd June - Thu 17th June	Scholastic Bookfair coming to school!!
Thursday 3rd June	Discovery Science Incursion No 1 - Marble Runs
Thursday 11th June	Winter Sports @ Tarwin Grade 5/6
Monday 14th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 16th June	Winter Sports @ Foster Grade 5/6
Thursday 17th June	After School Fun (whole school) and Sleepover (Gr 2 - Gr 6)
Friday 25th June	Last day of Term 2
Monday 12th July	First day of Term 3



### From the Chaplain

Inclusion is a word that gets used a lot nowadays but what does it actually mean?

In short it can be defined as the act of including something or someone in a program, activity or a community.

The opposite of inclusion would be exclusion or to 'leave out, and none of us willingly want to find ourselves in this precarious position.

Inclusion is not just a value we practice outwardly to be 'politically correct' but a heart attitude that makes room for others, despite their background, race, beliefs or ability.

Inclusion is an important value that we endeavour to both model and foster among our students at Tarwin Lower Primary. That means no child should have to play by themselves at break time and also that every person who is part of our School community, feels welcome and valued.

Naturally there will be people that we are drawn to more than to others and this is a normal phenomenon. Being inclusive means opening our arms a little wider though, to include others we would not usually relate too. As we continue to model this as adults, the students will follow our lead.

I'm hoping to do some friendship building exercises this term, with those enrolled in the Chaplaincy program, which will include looking at what traits make a good friend. We may even have time to

learn about managing 'tricky' emotions such as sadness, fear etc.

Thanks again to everyone who is helping with the breakfast club. I don't know what I would do without the help of Kristy and Alex on Thursday and Friday mornings! Our mums helping run the program the rest of the week are much appreciated too.

I am here to support you if you need a listening ear. Sue

### Bookfair

We've finally managed to get Bookfair after a wait of a year, due to lockdowns.

All our students love having Bookfair at school. There are so many books to choose from and you can take them straight away. There are books from as little as \$5.00 and also lots of goodies like pencils, erasers, markers etc which begin at \$1.00.

On Mondays and Fridays Bookfair will only be available before and after school, as the office is not manned during the day.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the Bookfair will be open all day.

Of course we have to observe COVID density limits in the office area which currently are one person per 2 square metres. We still need to work out how many that will allow in the office at one time, but we will be putting a sign on the door.

So please come in and have a look. It's a great opportunity to pick up some gifts for the future as well.





## Bus Breakdown

This morning the bus broke down on the way out of Venus Bay. It appears that a hose blew off the engine, causing the bus temperature to rise dramatically. The bus was stranded on the side of the road near the entrance of Venus Bay for approximately 45 minutes.



Freya Carbone drove down to the bus to stay with the students while John and the mechanic fixed the errant hose.

The student's behaviour while all this drama was unfolding was fantastic. Although excited, they remained in their seats and behaved well.

Special commendation must go to Ashlyn who is our bus captain. She managed to keep all the students calm and quiet until Ms Carbone arrived. Well done Ashlyn!!

## Winter Sports

Last week the 5/6 students participated in Winter Sports at Fish Creek. Thank you to those parents who drove their children to Fish Creek to participate. This week the Winter Sports are at Meeniyan.

Students should be at Meeniyan Football Grounds for Netball and Football by 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start.

Once again, we require parents to drive their children to and from the sports.

## Discovery Science Incursions

Last week we were contacted by the Discovery Science and Technology Centre Bendigo regarding a grant they had received to deliver Science and Technology incursions to small primary schools.

We are so lucky to be included in this initiative. On 4 separate occasions throughout the rest of the year, we will have visitors from DSTCB come to our school to conduct sessions on the following subjects:

1. **Marble Run** - Explore forces through this fun and engaging inquiry unit. Students get hands on as they work in teams to create a path for a marble to travel through, experimenting with friction, gravity, angles and momentum along the way. Putting their creativity

and resilience to the test they practice their collaboration and engineering skills throughout the workshop

2. **Turbulent Tunnels** - Explore forces through this fun and engaging inquiry unit. Students work together to create their very own flying machines through hands-on experimentation and rapid prototyping. Playing with surface area, weight, balance and various other areas of aerodynamics students strengthen their collaboration skills and build resilience.
3. **Robotics** - Explore coding through this fun, engaging and hands-on inquiry unit. Students will learn to control the paths of either Blue-Bot or Sphero floor robots, creating their own codes to solve a problem
4. **Circuits & Switches** - Explore electricity through this fun, engaging and hands-on inquiry unit. Students create their own functioning circuits, allowing them to explore different components, conductivity, switches and series and parallel circuits. If there is time they can even have a go at creating their own scribbling machine..

## Reconciliation Week & Sorry Day

Reconciliation Week begins tomorrow and goes through until 3rd June. The theme for Reconciliation Week this year is 'Reconciliation Takes Action'.

Students will be doing various activities during the week.

Today is Sorry Day. Students have discussed Sorry Day and have done activities in class to complement this day.



## Bread Tags

Remember to continue to collect your bread tags this year.

## School Bank Details

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



26th May 2021

# SOUTH GIPPSLAND Kindergarten Central Enrolment



## CENTRAL ENROLMENT NOW OPEN

To enrol your child in three-year-old or four-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 June to receive a first round offer.

You can enrol at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)  
For more information, please phone 5662 9200 or text your contact details to 0447 965 850 and we will call you back.

## Meeniyan Preschool Open Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021  
2:00-3:00pm  
95 Whitelaw St Meeniyan

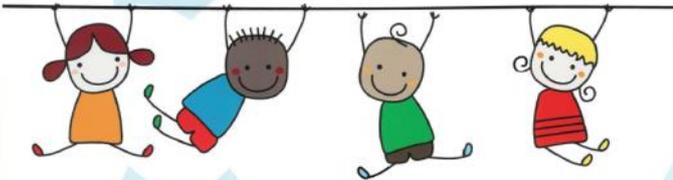
Enrolment times for 3yr and 4yr old Preschool is vastly approaching for 2022.

Meeniyan Preschool is opening its doors to the parents and children of Meeniyan and district to our Open Day at Meeniyan Preschool.

Come meet our wonderful Educators, see our gorgeous kindergarten and facilities to see if our Preschool is what you are looking for.



Enrolments for first round offers will be accepted from 1st May to 30th June in the year prior to your child/ren attending Preschool  
[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)  
Further queries please call: Meeniyan Pre School 5664 7316



# 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



Team tower building

## Happy Birthday

We hope you had a great day on your birthday

◆ Amelia



Kindness

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect



## **INFORMATION REGARDING NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS AS OF TUESDAY 25TH MAY**

Dear parents and carers,

The Victorian Government has announced that additional COVIDSafe measures will be in place from 6pm on Tuesday 25 May, in metropolitan Melbourne.

Changes to the [COVIDSafe settings](#) include new limits to public and private gatherings and changes to mask wearing in some settings.

Schools will remain open with the current restrictions that are in place. There are no changes to existing density rules.

### **If you are in metropolitan Melbourne:**

School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must carry a face mask at all times and wear a face mask indoors when at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless a [lawful exception applies](#).

- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OSHC program.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. □ This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.

Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

### **If you are in Regional Victoria:**

**Individuals aged 12 years and over (inclusive of staff, students, and visitors) must always carry a face mask – unless a [lawful exception applies](#).**

**Face masks are mandatory for people aged 12 years and older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles or touring vehicles. □ This includes travelling to and from school on public transport.**

Visitors and parents continue to be welcome at our school but must also observe face mask requirements.

These restrictions travel with secondary students who live in metropolitan Melbourne if they attend a school in regional Victoria. Secondary students who live in regional Victoria but attend a school in metropolitan Melbourne also need to comply with mask requirements for metropolitan Melbourne.

School camps and excursions in both metropolitan and regional Victoria can continue if face mask requirements are followed.

These measures are aimed at giving health authorities the best opportunity to stop the spread of the virus in our community.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to implement COVIDSafe practices at our school.

Regards

Greg Eddy



# You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR!** Discover a whole galaxy of books!

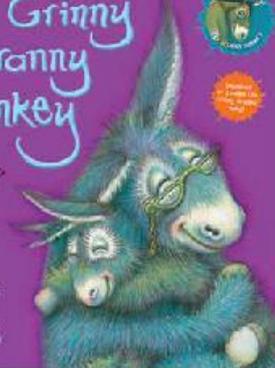
This year's National Simultaneous Storytime story will be read by astronauts *from Space!*

Give me some  
**Space!**



The Grinny  
Granny  
Donkey

Wrote by  
Craig Smith  
Illustrated by  
Katie Cowley



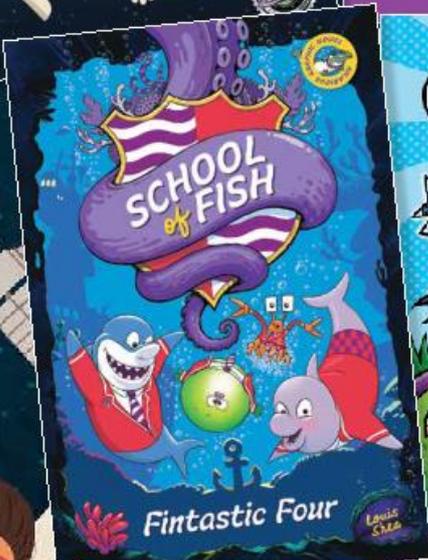
Shannon & Taylor Steadman  
**Lola  
ONLINE**

#THE SECRET  
UPSTAIRS  
fan club  
PARTY



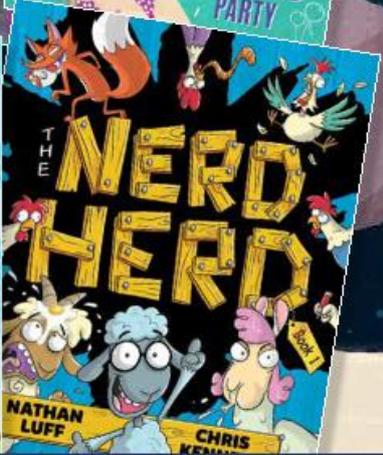
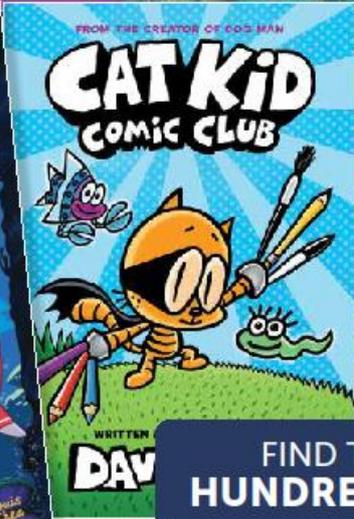
SCHOOL  
of FISH

Fintastic Four



FROM THE CREATOR OF GOD MAN  
**CAT KID  
COMIC CLUB**

WRITTEN  
BY  
DAVE



FIND THESE BOOKS AND  
HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

**Date** 3 - 17 June 2021

**Time** Mon & Friday - Before & After School

**Place** Tarwin Lower Primary School

Tues, Wed, Thu - All Day

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**

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Register your NSS event at [alia.org.au/nss](http://alia.org.au/nss)





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# TARWIN LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DATES FOR PREPS BEGINNING IN 2022



1.	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	11.30am – 1.30pm
2.	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	11.30am – 1.30pm
3.	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	11.30am – 1.30pm
4.	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	11.30am – 1.30pm
5.	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	09.00am – 11.00am



School tours are very welcome.  
Please call 5663 5263 to arrange a visit.