

Tarwin Lower Primary Newsletter

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Small School, Big Opportunities

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Principal's Report

This will be my last newsletter before I return to Welshpool PS, (even though I still have a week and a half and many tasks still to do!) I wanted the chance to formally say thank you to all the staff, students, families and the local community for making me feel so welcome. I have learnt so much from all of you and I will miss you all.

Last week Ms Pilkington and I were lucky enough to be involved in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training. PLCs are an approach to school improvement where groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve students learning outcomes. PLC schools start from a simple idea:

*students learn more when their
teachers work together.*

Building a PLC is a proven way for schools to increase students learning by creating a culture that is focused on the continuous improvement. Linking the learning needs of the students with the professional learning and practice of teachers.

During our PLC we will be collaborating with other local schools in Fish Creek, Toora and Welshpool. It has been so great to see all of our local schools working together to improve our student's learning across the cluster.

Yours Sincerely,

Jo Healy

Acting Principal



We are respectful
We have fun
We love what we do
We work hard and smart
We do great things
We communicate and listen
We are helpful
We stay positive
We strive for excellence
— We are a TEAM —



Camp Reminder

Students will be travelling to and from Melbourne on a V-Line bus. **This is a public bus and will not wait for late-comers.** Bus will depart at 7.50am on Wednesday 7th August from Leongatha Station. **Please be there at least 15 minutes early.**

Students will return to Leongatha Station at 3.20pm on Friday 9th August. Please be on time to pick up your child.



2019 Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is open till the 11th August. Please take the time to log in and complete the survey. A compass notification was sent with the link. It is of great benefit to the school to receive feedback via this format and all families are encouraged to do the survey.

Student Led Conferences

On Friday the 16th August students will be leading parent/teacher conferences. Please log into compass to book a time with your child/ren's teachers. Please note that normal classes will not be running on this day and students will only be required to attend their appointment time. Students not attending an appointment will be marked as absent.

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:

- That 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.
- That 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.
- That 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.

Happy Birthday

- ◆ Leithan turned 8
- ◆ Niamh turned 10



Donation:

Thank you to the family who donated a meat tray to the school.

JSC Crazy Hair Day

On Thursday the 15th of August JSC are holding a crazy hair day – so get your thinking caps on, curlers ready and go crazy!

There will be a gold coin donation for taking part and all monies raised will go towards the WIGS for KIDS foundation.

Reminders from the office



- ✓ Parent Opinion Survey needs to be completed by Sunday 11th August
- ✓ No lunches this Friday because the majority of our students are away on Camp
- ✓ No lunches on Friday 16th due to student lead conferences
- ✓ There will be no Friday assembly this week or next week
- ✓ School banking is every Tuesday. Some students are very close to getting a reward. Remember to keep banking!!

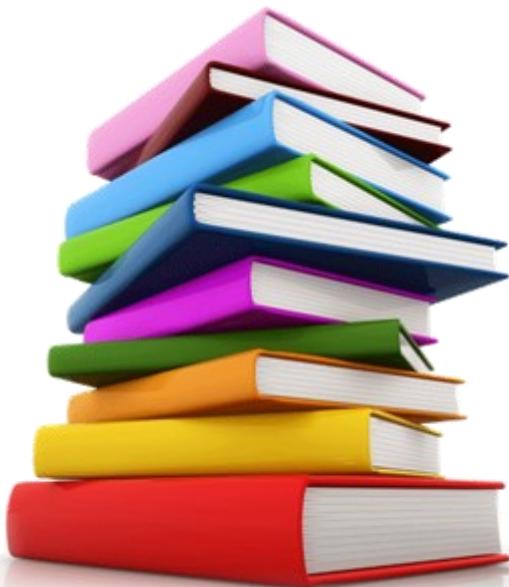


Term 3 2019

MARC Preview.

In Term 3 we will be using newly published books, heightening children's awareness that picture fiction, fiction and nonfiction books are regularly published by new and established authors. It is exciting to read a new book that has just 'hit the literary world'. We value the importance of being read to and reading independently. Our teaching lessons have a learning goal and provide a learning intention and expected success criteria. Discussion and questioning are initiated and actioned and students are expected to work to complete set tasks.

In weeks 2 to 6 fifteen books chosen by the Children's Book Council of Australia will be shared with all students. The CBCA promotes books of high literary, factual and artistic content. A selection of books from the different categories is as follows and these, with others, have been included in our planned teaching sessions. As teachers we support and highlight this year's CBCA theme for book week, 'Reading is my Secret Power'.



For Older Readers: Lenny's Book of Everything by Karen Foxlee.

Picture Story Books for Younger readers: Rainbow Bear by Stephen Michael King.

Picture story books: Chalk Boy by Margaret Wild.

The Eva Pownell Award: Bouncing Back: An Eastern Barred Bandicoot Story by Rohan Cleave.

Books shortlisted for this award contain documented factual material with consideration given to imaginative presentation, interpretation and variation of style.

The award for new illustrators: Australian Birds by Matt Chun.

In weeks 7 and 8 Junior students will focus on learning about the parts of a nonfiction book and Older students will revisit the Dewey system.

In weeks 9 and 10 all teaching sessions will again expose students to the joys of new Literature, the ideas presented by the author and how the author and illustrator work together. Titles will include 'Horatio Squeak' by Karen Foxlee, 'Leonard Doesn't Dance' by Frances Watts and 'One careless Night' by Christina Booth.

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 and Sophie Callcott.



Suitable for 0-12 years

Child car safety



raisingchildren.net.au
the Australian parenting website

It's illegal for any baby or child under the age of seven years to travel in a car without a correctly fitted, properly fastened child restraint that meets Australian safety standards. A child over seven years can use an adult seatbelt but only when he's big enough. The right child restraint or booster seat for your child depends on how old and how big he is.

Child restraints and booster seats: the law

By law, children must be secured in a properly fastened child restraint that:

- is correctly fitted and adjusted for their age and size
- meets Australian/New Zealand Standard **AS/NZS 1754**.

Here are the minimum legal requirements for using child restraints and booster seats in Australia:

- Children **under six months** must use a rear-facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness. They must not sit in the front row if the vehicle has two or more rows of seats.
- Children aged **six months to under four years** must use a rear-facing or forward-facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness. They must not sit in the front row if the vehicle has two or more rows of seats.
- Children aged **four years up to seven years** must use a forward-facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness, or an approved booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt or child safety harness. They can sit in the front row only if all other rear seats are occupied by children under seven years, in vehicles with two or more rows of seats.
- Children aged **seven years and older** must use a properly adjusted and fastened child restraint or adult seatbelt, depending on their size.

These are the minimum legal requirements in Australia. It's always **safest to keep your child in a child restraint or booster seat for as long as possible**, depending on his size.

Moving to an adult seatbelt: the law

By law, a child aged seven years and older can use an adult seatbelt, but only if she's big enough. If a police officer thinks that a child aged over seven years isn't wearing an adult seatbelt correctly, the officer can give you an infringement notice.

It's important to know that **most 7-year-olds are too small for an adult seatbelt**. Many children aren't big enough to safely wear an adult seatbelt until they're 10-12 years old. This is because adult seatbelts are designed for people who are at least 145cm tall.

The **five-step test** can help you decide whether your child is big enough to move to an adult seatbelt. Children are big enough to use adult seatbelts if they can do the following:

- Sit with their backs firmly against the seat back.
- Bend their knees comfortably over the front of the seat cushion.
- Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder.
- Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thighs.
- Stay in this position for the whole car trip.

For more information see: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/safety/car-pedestrian-safety/car-safety>



For Your Calendar

Term 3 2019

Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th	Melbourne Urban Camp Grade 3/4/5/6
Tuesday 13 th August	School Council Meeting
Friday 16 th August	Student Led Conferences. Students are only required at school for their scheduled conference.
Monday 2 nd September	Arts Victoria Performance (more details soon)
Tuesday 10 th September	School Council Meeting
Friday 13 th September	Divisional Athletics @ Casey (for qualifiers)
Friday 20 th September	Last day of Term 3 - 2.20pm finish
Monday 7 th October	First day of Term 4

Congratulation to:

- Anne-Marie, Shaun, Isaac and Shelby on the birth of Camilla
- Vanessa, Clayton, Ryan and Arthur on the birth of Oscar



HPV Vaccine Information session for parents of year 6 students

The WHAT, WHY, WHEN, WHO, HOW and WHERE
of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination
Program

Speaker: Catherine Enter - Women's Health Nurse - South Gippsland Hospital

Venue: Foster Primary School, BER Building

When: 6pm, 14th August



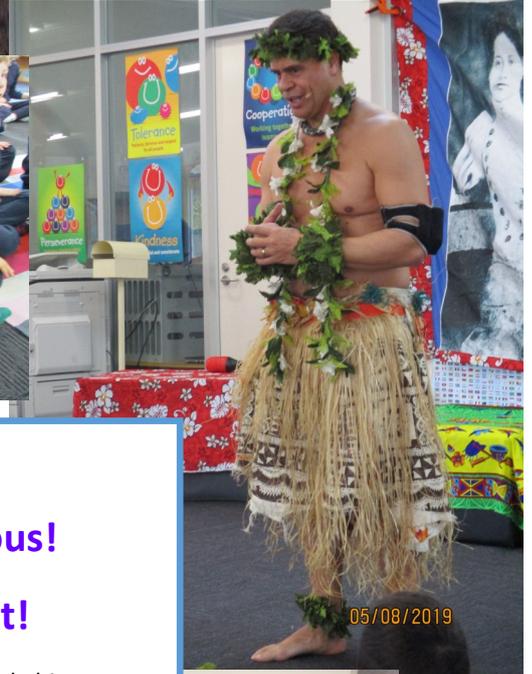
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Kia Toa
Be Courageous!
Be Resilient!
 With Bernard Managakahia



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