



TLS NEWSLETTER

20 OCTOBER 2023 (WEEK 3)



LET YOUR LIGHT
shine

MATTHEW 5:16

LearnLiveGrow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 3:18

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JANE WIEBUSCH



Acts of Care and Kindness - Service in Community

The best portion of a good person's life is their little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.
- William Wordsworth

We have had a **busy and joyous start to the term**. We have: begun our wonderful Kitchen Garden Club, supported three camps across six year levels, run two weeks of swimming lessons, as well as a Swimming Carnival - **all in three weeks!** In addition, all the while, preparations have been underway for our Arts Exhibition this coming Thursday evening.

These wonderful programs and events could not happen without many individual and collective contributions. The words of William Wordsworth repeatedly came to mind as I reflected on the dedicated staff and many volunteers working together to provide these opportunities and wonderful experiences for our students. TLS staff also frequently witnessed and spoke about the many acts of kindness, help and encouragement our students extended to each other throughout these events.



What makes Tarrington Lutheran School the wonderful community it is, are the many little acts of care and service which often go unnoticed.

We see students help each other collect belongings, tie laces or pack a bag. Older students bring a younger student into the office when they fall or simply sit with a child who appears sad. Students offer an arm of support or words of encouragement to a peer trying something new. Staff offer comfort or gently guide students back to the task at hand. Parents volunteer at events and excursions, prepare food, make costumes or assist in the uniform shop. **All of these things combine to make us who we are.**

These often small but precious acts don't make it to the front page of the newspaper. There aren't awards or financial incentives. We do these things as a response to a loving God who guides our lives and cares for us.

Jesus said

"Be careful not to practise your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them...So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others." (Matthew 6:1-3)

As we look around our School, we do not have to look far to see the Gospel in the quiet, caring actions taken by so many.

May Christ continue to strengthen us as we go about this important humble work.

MINISTRY

MISS JANE



Anxious for ... Nothing?

"Be Anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

We have been taught that the Christian life is a life of peace, and when we don't have peace, we assume the problem lies within us. Not only do we feel anxious, but we also feel guilty about our anxiety! The result is a downward spiral of worry, guilt, worry, guilt.

It's enough to make us wonder if the apostle Paul was out of touch with reality when he wrote, "Be anxious for nothing." "Be anxious for less" would have been a sufficient challenge. Or "Be anxious only on Thursdays." Or "Be anxious only in seasons of severe affliction."

But Paul doesn't seem to offer any leeway here. Be anxious for nothing. Nada. Zilch. Zero. Is this what he meant? Not exactly. He wrote the phrase in the present active tense, which implies an ongoing state. It's the life of perpetual anxiety that Paul wanted to address. The Lucado Revised Translation reads, "Don't let anything in life leave you perpetually breathless and in angst." The presence of anxiety is unavoidable, but the prison of anxiety is optional.

Source: "You can count on God" by Max Lucado



EMMETT AWARD

TILLY

For her conscientious approach to class tasks, giving her best and using time effectively. She is consistently well organised and strives to improve in all learning areas.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

HANNAH

For her kind, caring and compassionate nature, for always displaying a servant heart and jumping in to help when she can see a need.

SCHOOL AWARDS

FOUNDATION

Jenson D

YEAR 1

Away - School Camp

YEAR 2

Away - School Camp

YEAR 3

Dior H
Duncan C

YEAR 4

Barrett F
Zayne S

YEAR 5

Harry N
Isla P

YEAR 6

Bridget S



IN THE CLASSROOM

YEAR 1 & 2

Last Thursday and Friday the Year 1 and 2 students embarked on an overnight camp adventure to Port Fairy. On our journey, we had the opportunity to visit the Budj Bim Indigenous Aquatic Centre, where we learned about traditional eel traps and the rich tapestry of Indigenous cultures.

Once in Port Fairy, we immersed ourselves in various activities, including crafting and flying kites and mastering the art of boomerang throwing. In the evening, we came together for a lively bush dance that brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Our taste buds were also treated to delicious meals, including a hearty lasagne for dinner. It was a fantastic experience that left us with lasting memories.



SPORT UPDATE

TLS Swimming Carnival

The students participated in our annual TLS swimming carnival on Wednesday 18 October. It was very competitive in the pool and the spectators provided a fantastic atmosphere. Most races were tightly contested as students demonstrated some excellent technique and ability. On the day, it was Napier who came away with the victory over Rouse.

A huge thank you, to our wonderful staff, parent helpers, House Captains, Good Shepherd College students, HILAC staff and Lea McArthur who helped to ensure the day was successful and ran smoothly.

Congratulations to our Age Group Champions:

Age Group	1 st	2nd
8/9 Years Females	Dior H	Chloe D
8/9 Years Males	Finn R	Ned R
10 Years Females	Lucy S	Jessica M
10 Years Males	Finnigan M	Archer B
11 Years Females	Leni R	Imogen P
11 Years Males	Baxter W	Harry F
12/13 Years Females	Ava K	Bridget S
12/13 Years Males	Tyson M	Ben C



PFSA

TLS Fundraiser – Seeking contributions please!

A big thanks to the families who have offered to help out with a slice or groceries.

We need another:

5 x lots of groceries (ie. sliced cheese, beetroot, worth max. \$10) to be delivered to the Hall Kitchen on Friday 27 October for the fundraiser lunch hosting the Warrnambool Motorcycle Club on Sunday 29 October.

If you can help out, please contact Jo 0408 544 670 ASAP.

Reminders

Toasties will be available again this term from Week 4 onwards.

PSFA MEETING

Our final meeting of the year, along with the 2024 committee election, will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 November. More information to come regarding committee positions. New faces are most welcome!

NOTICES

Finance

The Term 4 invoices, as well as the Camp invoices, have now been sent out. If you did not receive yours please let me know.

A huge thank you, to the PSFA for their continued towards the camp costs.

Please clear any outstanding fees before the end of the year. If you need to discuss this please call Jodie on 55723897.

2025 Enrolment News

Foundation 2025 applications open now.

Families are encouraged to submit sibling enrolments for 2025 and beyond to secure placement. Please do this as soon as possible by either filling out the enrolment form online or getting in contact with our Registrar via email office@tls.vic.edu.au or phone: 5572 3897

Employment Opportunities - 2024

Classroom Teacher - Part Time

Student Learning Support - Learning Coach - Part Time (negotiable)

Enquiries regarding the position should be directed to our Principal, Jane Wiebusch jwiebusch@tls.vic.edu.au. The above positions will also be advertised on teachersonnet.com from Monday.

Foundation 2024 Welcome Barbeque

The 2024 Foundation Welcome Barbeque is on Wednesday 25 October at 6.00pm. All 2023 and 2024 Foundation families are invited to this special event. Please contact to the office with your RSVP, office@tls.vic.edu.au or 5572 3897.

CHILD SAFETY

There are resources for parents and children called Safety4kids. There is a section about stranger danger which you can access via the link <https://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone/stranger-danger> It explains to children what they need to do when out and about, and ways to take care.

JOLLY SOCKS DAY

On Friday, our students had a 'jolly' time supporting the Standing Tall's Jolly Socks fundraiser. We are blessed to have Standing Tall mentors supporting our students. We are glad to be able to support them in this fundraiser. We raised a total of \$376.50.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4

Week 4

- Tuesday 24 October: 3/4 Hoop Time Basketball Regional Finals
- Wednesday 25 October: 6.00pm 2024 Foundation Welcome Barbeque
- Thursday 26 October: 5/6 Cricket - Pedrina Park
7.00pm Music & Art Exhibition
- Friday 27 October: 9.00am Chapel led by Year 1
2.40pm Assembly
- Saturday 28 October: Ping Pong-a-thon

Week 5

- Tuesday 31 October: 7.00pm 2024 Foundation Information Night
- Friday 3 November: 9.00am Chapel led by Year 5
2.40pm Assembly

Week 6

- **Monday 6 November: Student Free Day**
- **Tuesday 7 November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
- Wednesday 8 November: 9.00am - 12.00pm Foundation 2024 Transition
- Friday 10 November: 9.00am Chapel led by Year 2
2.40pm Assembly

Week 7

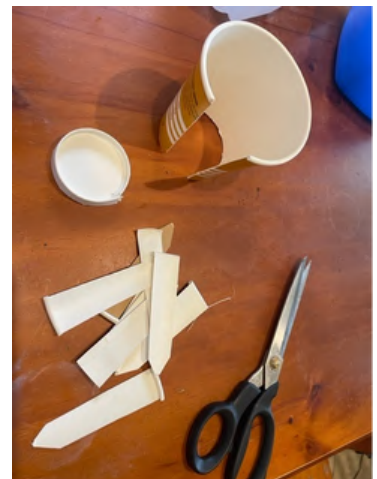
- Monday 6 November: Student Free Day
- Tuesday 14 November: 9.00am - 12.00pm Foundation 2024 Transition Day 2
9.30am - 10.30am Great Explorations
- Wednesday 15 November: Senior's Catering
- Thursday 16 November: 9.00am Grandparents & Special Friends Day
9.00am Chapel led by Ms Wiebusch
- Friday 17 November: 2.40pm Assembly

FROM THE PATCH

Save your Coffee Cups

Please rinse and save your take away coffee cups for the school garden. They make great labels for planted seeds.

All cups can be placed in the garden supplies box at the front of the school. Thank you in advance.





School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.



As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a **Category 4 school. Our school will close on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Southwest** fire district.**

What is the department's policy?

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by email and/or Class Dojo.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**



A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Tarrington Lutheran School
invites you to an exhibition to
celebrate the talents
of our students in the Arts.

Artworks and Musical Performances
will be on display.

We hope that you can join us.

**Thursday, 26th October
at 7:00pm**

in the Tarrington Church Hall

Tarrington

Lutheran School

Learning and growing together

