



TLS NEWSLETTER

9 FEBRUARY 2024 (WEEK 2)



WELCOME

BACK TO
SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JANE WIEBUSCH



A great beginning

We joyfully welcome all new and returning families and staff to our school community, and we look forward to working collaboratively throughout the 2024 school year.

We have been blessed with a very positive and settled start to the year. For many of us, our 2024 Foundation students are among the most settled beginning cohort we have experienced - they are amazing! It is hard to believe they have only been at school for eight days.

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your wonderful start to the school year. The beautiful weather has certainly enhanced our beginning.

So much learning has already taken place over the past two weeks as students have got to know their new teachers, reconnected friendships or begun new ones, become familiar with new routines, and look forward to new opportunities to grow in their new year levels.

This week saw our MultiLit program (MacqLit for Years 3-6 and MiniLit for the junior years) begin across all year levels. Our facilitators report all groups are off to a great start.

Staff Professional Learning

For our staff, the year began with a week of professional learning before the students came back. The week started with all staff exploring Spiritual Formation off-site with Pastor David Spike. This was followed by a day of First Aid and Emergency Management training by external trainers. The final days for our teachers were dedicated to intensive learning in Structured Literacy (Science of Reading), incorporating specific strategies to meet the needs of the differing developmental stages of our students. Very exciting!!!! Working in Professional Learning Teams, our staff will continue to undertake weekly units of learning together throughout the semester to ensure outstanding practice in Literacy acquisition for our students.

Our Learning Coaches also completed evidence-based pedagogy training during this week. This training will further enhance the learning support our students' receive, which is the vital role our coaches fulfil.

PSFA Welcome BBQ

Our Welcome to 2024 BBQ was a fabulous way to connect as a community, get to know new families and come together to share our aspirations and hopes as we embark on the journey ahead. We would like to thank the PSFA and Year 5 families for organising and assisting with the event. We look forward to more opportunities during the year to enjoy time together.



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Welcome New Staff

At our opening service we welcomed and installed new staff:

Mrs Sybil Clark - Year 5/6 teacher

Mrs Heidi Noller - MultiLit Facilitator and Learning Coach (began with us at the end of 2023)

Mrs Maggie Hartley - Learning Coach

Miss Jane also joins us now full time, as a MacqLit Facilitator and a Learning Coach, in addition to her ongoing Wellbeing Officer role.

We also congratulate Miss Lily Annett for her ongoing appointment at TLS in 2024.

We hope that our new team members have a wonderful year, providing enriching and rewarding learning experiences for the children entrusted to their care.

TLS Connected

As a school, one of our ongoing focuses is to build connections and ensure excellent communication with families as we empower each learner to thrive and reach their potential.

We place a strong value on the partnership between teachers, parents and students. This partnership begins by forming relationships through communication. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our wonderful staff, regarding any concerns or ideas regarding your child's learning.

For effective communication, the classroom teacher is the first point of contact for any assistance or advice regarding student wellbeing, academic progress or organisational matters.

Year Level Information Sessions

We invite all parents and guardians to attend our Year Level Information Sessions on Tuesday, 13 February 2024 (Week 3), beginning at 6.30pm. In order to provide flexibility and to assist families who have multiple students with us, each year level will run their sessions twice.

The program will run as follows:

- 6:30 pm - 7:10 pm Classroom Information Session 1
- 7:15 pm - 7:35 pm Principal's Presentation - Learning and Literacy at TLS
- 7:40 pm - 8:20 pm Classroom Information Session 2 (Repeat of Session 1)

We are looking forward to working with you in partnership to guide your child along their learning journey which will assist them to reach their full potential academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Visit to our School

On Tuesday, the 6th, TLS had a visit from Jan and Gudrun Schurmann, who travelled all the way from Osnabruck in Germany. Jan has a unique connection to Tarrington Lutheran School as he is related to the founding principal, Clamor Schurmann, and actually grew up in the same house in Germany where Clamor also lived during his childhood. Jan took the time to share his life journey with our Year 5 and 6 students. His journey took him from growing up on his family's farm to becoming a detective, then a lawyer and a law lecturer, and eventually led him to work for the UN, where he provided support to countries in crisis, including Afghanistan.





Those who HOPE in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. – Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Do you ever have a hard time staying encouraged? Especially when it feels like nothing is going right in your life? If you do, you're not alone. We all face times when it's just simply hard to keep going. However, no matter how bad things are at home and how difficult it feels to be happy, you've got to encourage yourself by knowing that Jesus came to bring you hope.

Jesus Came to Bring You Hope

Our lives are going to have problems. We're going to have days that don't go well. That's part of living here on earth. However, we don't have to lose hope even when things are tough.

Instead, we can go to our loving God. In the Bible, God makes many promises in which we can put our trust - a source of hope through difficult times..

The good thing about hoping in God is that God can't let you down. God's promises always come to pass. So when you've all but given up hope, be encouraged. This isn't the end. God will come through for you. It might take longer than you want or think it should, it might look very different to what you expected, but God always comes through for those who hope in Him. He sees the bigger picture and always works for our ultimate good.



The Latest from SchoolTV

We are privileged to have access to **SchoolTV**, which is a powerful resource providing our community with sound advice and practical strategies that connect, inform, and empower you in raising safe, happy and resilient young people. There are many topics found there that may assist you as you support your children through their childhood journey. SchoolTV can be found on the Parent Portal of our website. Please take a look at the wealth of information that is provided for you there.

Many of our students may feel anxious or nervous about returning to school at the beginning of the year, so SchoolTV's topic for the month is **School Transitions**



Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or starting a new school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up! However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at several different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents. In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels. The link to the "School Transitions" Edition Promotion edition of SchoolTV <https://tls.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>



EMMETT AWARD

DEANI

Acknowledging her unwavering and imaginative dedication to learning, along with her embodiment of kindness and empathy in her interactions with others, she serves as an admirable role model.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

ISOBEL

For quietly offering assistance in the classroom whenever she perceives a need, and demonstrating initiative while helping during the recent transition visit.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 9 TERM 4

FOUNDATION

Isobel Y

YEAR 1

Olive B
Raven C
Kieran F

YEAR 2

Megg C
Addison F

YEAR 3

Maggie S
Flynn P
Austin M

YEAR 4

Jeremy W
Leo J
Archer B
Jayden K

YEAR 5

Leni R
Imogen P

YEAR 6

Ben C



EMMETT AWARD

ELORA

For her dedicated approach to learning. Quietly and diligently going about tasks and completing them to a high standard. Her compassionate and supportive demeanor fosters a sense of security and inclusion, setting an admirable precedent for her peers to emulate.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

BAXTER

Baxter displays strong leadership skills and service by mentoring and assisting the youngest members of the school, especially when they require support.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 1 TERM 1

FOUNDATION

Charlie L

YEAR 1

Elora M
Eva W

YEAR 2

Chay L
Tex F
Layla W

YEAR 3

Ashton T
Hamish L

YEAR 4

Maggie S
William R

YEAR 5

Zayne S

YEAR 6

Spencer H



IN THE CLASSROOM FOUNDATION

Foundation students have had an extremely positive and settled start to their school life. Students have adapted to new routines well and engaged eagerly in all learning tasks.

Below are some photos of the Foundation students in action in the classroom during the first week of school.



NOTICES

Uniform

Many thanks to our families for ensuring that students take pride and are well presented in the correct uniform to commence the new year. Students are required to wear summer uniforms in Terms 1 & 4. This includes the correct TLS hat, socks and footwear. Socks with logos or other colours are not permitted.

As partners in the education of your children, classroom teachers will email home a reminder if students are out of uniform. If there are special circumstances which require a student to be out of uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

If anyone needs any uniform or has any queries, please contact one of the below:

Kylie Nagorcka 0407 182 136

Alison Brown 0418 515 564

Danielle Lee 0400 543 524

Nude Food and Healthy Eating

Holistic education at TLS includes a focus on the environment and sustainability. We are keen to minimise waste around the school and therefore encourage Nude Food. We ask that wherever possible, food brought to school be in recyclable containers. Other types of wrapping and packaging are to be minimised. Please ensure that all containers are clearly labelled. Thank you in advance for supporting this approach and sending a message to your child about the importance of caring for our environment.

Child Safety

The welfare and best interests of every child are paramount. If you have any concerns that a child may be experiencing any form of abuse, whether or not you have formed a belief on reasonable grounds that the abuse has occurred, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Child Protection Officers. This can be done by phone 5572 3897 or via email (below).

Our Child Protection Officers are:

Jane Wiebusch - jwiebusch@tls.vic.edu.au

Jodie Bennett - jbennett@tls.vic.edu.au

Jane Crowe - jcrowe@tls.vic.edu.au

Whenever there are concerns that a child is in immediate danger, the Police should be called on 000.

SPORT UPDATE

We are excited to welcome the Hockey Victoria Roadshow to our school!

Students are being given the fantastic opportunity to try out the exciting game of hockey! They will learn the skills of the game through exciting game-based activities suited to every year level and ability. Hockey Victoria will be sending their amazing Participation Officers to our school on Thursday 15th February to provide an engaging, fun, and safe hockey experience for students in Year 2 to 6.

If you enjoy the sessions during school, you can continue with your hockey experience by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program <https://www.hockey.org.au/hookin2hockey/>



Serving the TLS Community

It's been a wonderful to have had the opportunity to gather as a school community around the coffee van and at our Welcome BBQ last week - how blessed were we with the weather!

PSFA have drafted the plan of activities for the year ahead which will be communicated each term. To give the opportunity for all members of the school community to be involved and lighten the load each class is allocated one event per year to organise.

Term 1

Year 5 - Welcome BBQ

Year 2 - Shrove Tuesday Pancakes - February 13

Year 4 - Athletics Day BBQ - March 6

Term 2

Year 1 - Grandparents & Carers Morning Tea - May 31

Term 3

Year 3 - Footy Colours Day Lunch - September 20

Term 4

Foundation - 2025 Foundation Families BBQ

Year 6 - Year 6 Dinner

We are seeking 2 parents/carers from each class group to take the lead in organising these events. Please contact Jo Vigliaturo (0408 544 670) if you are keen to help. These events have been organised for many years and as such we have a template of what to do and quantities etc. to make it as easy as possible!

Fundraising

Catering is the the main way that PSFA raise funds for our school - mainly Senior's Catering, Friday Toasties and the occasional external catering event.

Last year we made a healthy profit with funds going towards new equipment (like vegie boxes, sandpit toys, furniture), subsidising school camps and the Year 6 dinner - just to name a few.

2024

- Toasties will begin Term 2
- Seniors Catering - 1 per term with the first one on March 20
- Clearing Sale BBQ request March 1

All of these events rely on volunteer time by our school community - time from parents/grandparents/carers. Many hands lighten the load and there are many different ways to lend a hand. PSFA look forward to working with you to support our wonderful school, model acts of service, build community and have fun along the way!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 3

- Tuesday February 13: 11.00am - Shrove Tuesday - PSFA serving pancakes
6.30pm - Parent Information Night
- Wednesday February 14: Foundation Rest Day
- Thursday February 15: Year 2 - 6 Hockey Clinics (during PE lessons)
Kitchen Garden Club (Year 1)
- Friday February 16: 9.00am - Chapel led by Year 5/6
2.40pm - Assembly

Week 4

- Tuesday February 20: 9.30am - Great Explorations
- Wednesday February 21: Foundation Rest Day
- Thursday February 22: Kitchen Garden Club (Years 2 & 3)
- Friday February 23: SGSSA Swimming Dunkeld
9.00am - Chapel led by Year 3
2.40pm - Assembly


Week 5

- Monday February 26: Leadership Camp - Halls Gap (School Captains)
- Tuesday February 27: Leadership Camp Returns
- Wednesday February 28: Foundation Rest Day
- Thursday February 29: Division Swimming Warrnambool
Kitchen Garden Club (Foundation)
- Friday March 1: 9.00am - Chapel led by Year 4
2.40pm - Assembly

Week 6

- Wednesday March 6: TLS Athletics Day - Mitchell Park
- Thursday March 7: Kitchen Garden Club (Years 4, 5 & 6)
- Friday March 8: Regional Swimming Horsham
9.00am - Chapel led by Year 4
2.40pm - Assembly





TARRINGTON LUTHERAN SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO




GREAT EXPLORATIONS ART CLASS

Tuesday, 20th Feb at 9:30am
Meet in the TLS Foyer



Pre-school aged children and their
parents/caregivers are invited to join our
Art teacher, Mrs Bec Cameron for some
art/craft activities.

Please bring a piece of fruit for your child,
Tea and Coffee will be provided for adults.



Please RSVP to the School Office on
03 5572 3897 or office@tls.vic.edu.au

