



TLS NEWSLETTER

23 FEBRUARY 2024 (WEEK 4)



“For I know the plans
I have for you”
declare the *Lord*
Plans to *prosper* you & not
to harm you. *Hope &*
Plans to give you *a Future*

- Jeremiah 29:11



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JANE WIEBUSCH



Last Friday we were very excited to launch our first Kitchen Garden Produce Table. Initiated by our Agriculture Leaders, and supported by their mentor and passionate Kitchen Garden Club facilitator, Lucy Cameron, we are hoping this stall will be a regular 'pop-up' after Assembly on a Friday. Our students, and many of our staff, have enjoyed spending time in the Garden. It was truly wonderful to see the product and results of everybody's hard work.

The success of the garden and the produce yielded have involved many hands of our community - multiple students, parent volunteers, staff and Student Leaders. In addition to our Agriculture Leaders, our Environment Leaders also play a significant role in the garden by tending to our composting. This got me thinking a bit more about compost...

Compost

The humble compost, while not glamorous, and full of our garbage, plays a critical role in the success of our garden. The Environment Leaders collect all our scraps and snack-time disguards and give them over to the compost. With some time and some turning over, the compost yields wonderfully dark and rich soil that we can then spread in the garden. Our rubbish, given over to the compost, emerges transformed into something that helps our garden to thrive.

How fortunate are we also, that we too have an opportunity to give over the unwanted 'rubbish' in our lives - our worries, upsets, challenges, sorrows and mistakes - to be reworked into something that will serve our ultimate good and help us to thrive. Our loving God can take all our mistakes, worries and problems, and transform them into something useful. The 'garbage' of our lives often becomes the compost for spiritual fruit.

We can trust God to turn today's problems into a dawning of hope.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declared the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent – a time set aside to focus on repentance and preparation for Easter.

On Tuesday, as part of the lead up to Lent and to help the students gain a better understanding of the season of Lent, the students celebrated Shrove Tuesday and partook in pancakes served by our parents.





Toxic Achievement Culture

Toxic achievement culture is characterised by the entanglement of self-worth, achievement and the relentless pursuit of academic or extracurricular success - at any cost! This phenomenon goes beyond the mere quest for success. It embeds a belief in students that their merit is exclusively tied to their achievements, often propelled by intense external pressures from families, schools, and society. Some students are overfilling their schedules with activities aimed at "getting ahead". However, the consequences are proving to be detrimental on students' mental and physical health resulting in burnout and heightened levels of stress. This culture is also being aggravated by parental expectations, peer competition and a relentless comparison ethos often driven by social media.

There is nothing wrong with having ambition, but it's crucial to ensure that this desire doesn't push our young people into a toxic cycle of achievement and make them feel that they must achieve in order to matter. The relentless drive to excel is leading many students to prioritise accolades over genuine learning and personal growth, often at the expense of their own wellbeing and interpersonal relationships. As adult carers, we need to advocate for a more balanced and holistic approach to achievement, emphasising the importance of resilience, wellbeing, and the pursuit of diverse interests. This Special Report will help you understand the signs of toxic achievement, and how to address them so as to teach students how to adopt a better work/life balance.

Here is the link to this Special Report https://tls.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-toxic-achievement-culture





EMMETT AWARD

HAMISH

For dedicated work in class, taking the time to present work neatly with well formed handwriting and for excellent listening to all instructions.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

OSCAR

Demonstrating leadership capabilities by displaying a proactive approach to his Student Leadership role and showing consideration towards younger members of our school.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 2 TERM 1

FOUNDATION

Thomas H
Ahlia L

YEAR 1

Grace S

YEAR 2

Kurt W
Kieran F
Claire H

YEAR 3

Quinn F
Henry P

YEAR 4

Tilly E
Erich B

YEAR 5

Lewis C

YEAR 6

Ellie A



EMMETT AWARD

DIOR

Consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic during class time. Her proactive approach is evident through her thoughtful questions that deepen her understanding. She actively seeks and embraces feedback to enhance her learning.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

ANNIE

For consistently demonstrating kindness and empathy towards peers and staff, and willingly providing assistance without prompt when she identifies a need.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 3 TERM 1

FOUNDATION

Jock E
Clara W

YEAR 1

Darcy C
Anderson R

YEAR 2

Tobias H
Mabel F

YEAR 3

Minnie W
Jack J

YEAR 4

Duncan C
Lucy C

YEAR 5

Jayden K

YEAR 6

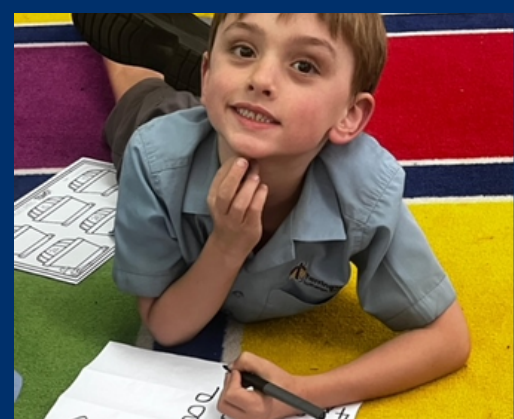
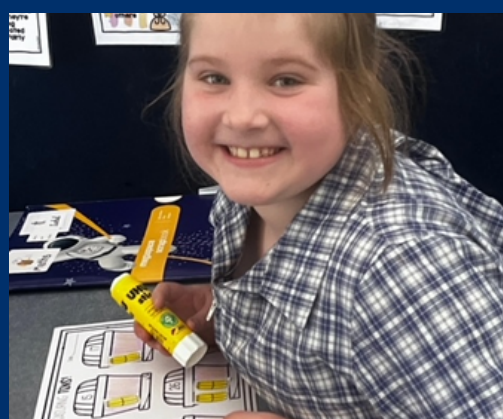
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IN THE CLASSROOM

YEAR 1

The Year 1 students have established a delightful routine during the past four weeks. We've introduced The Science of Reading (Structured Literacy) and engaged in collaborative Math rotations and activities. Throughout our Project Based Learning sessions, we've explored inquiries such as "How has Tarrington Lutheran School evolved over time?" and "What features should we incorporate into a school for the future?"



NOTICES

Camps Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF) - Applications are now open

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps, trips, school organized sports programs, outdoor education programs, excursions, and incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. A Special Consideration category also exists. Payments are \$150 per eligible primary student. Students starting Foundation who are eligible for CSEF may also receive assistance toward the cost of school uniforms. For more information visit the CSEF website <https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-andexcursions-fund> or contact Jodie jbennett@tls.vic.edu.au

Celebrating Student Birthdays



Birthdays are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the uniqueness of every child in our community. In each class at TLS, teachers and students acknowledge each student's birthday in their own fashion.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of each child in our community, we ask parents not to send cake, food, lollies and/or gift bags to school. This policy has been adopted by Early Childhood services and many Primary Schools for the following reasons:

- To ensure student safety - many students have food-based allergies and could have a serious reaction should they ingest foods containing allergens
- To reduce the financial/ and or time pressure on families to provide food and gifts for large numbers of students
- To remove the negative impact on student wellbeing when some students feel their birthday celebration is 'not as good' as other students
- To ensure parents have control over what their children eat and their wishes are respected if they do not want their children to be eating high sugar/calorie foods

PFSA

Helpers Wanted

PSFA are providing catering for a clearing sale in the Tarrington area on Friday, 1 March. If you are able to assist serving on the day, anytime between 10.00am-1.00pm, could you please contact Sonya Cay on 0418 735 275. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

Toasties

A reminders the sale of toasties on a Friday will commence in Term 2.

SPORT UPDATE

It was a fantastic experience having Hockey Victoria attend our school as part of their roadshow program last week. Our students learnt the skills of hockey through exciting game-based activities. A big thank you to Dave and Oscar, for facilitating the clinic and teaching everyone lots of new skills.

While the roadshow is over, students can continue their hockey journey by joining a local Hookin2Hockey program at www.hookin2hockey.com.au. With programs starting soon, now is the perfect chance to get out on the pitch. Hookin2Hockey will allow children to expand on the skills they recently learnt at school, and develop fundamental motor skills while making friends and having fun!



SPORT UPDATE

TLS Swimming Carnival

Our talented students participated in our annual TLS Swimming Carnival on Friday 9 February. We had lots of fun activities occurring in the program pool led by Miss George and Lily, and our swimming program running in the 25m pool. 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. The winning house on the day was Napier! Congratulations also to Rouse for coming a close second.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff, parents that helped out on the day or cheered swimmers on from the stand, school captains and student leaders, Good Shepherd College students, HILAC staff and Leonie Schurmann who all helped to ensure the day was successful and ran smoothly.

Congratulations to 28 swimmers who have qualified and will represent TLS at the SGSSA (interschool) swimming carnival in Dunkeld today. We wish them all the very best.

Congratulations to our Age Group Champions:

Age Group	1 st	2 nd
8/9 Years Females	Quinn F	Kivi H
8/9 Years Males	Tobias H	Benjamin B
10 Years Females	Dior H	Lucy C
10 Years Males	Finn R	Liam P
11 Years Females	Lucy S	Jessica M
11 Years Males	Finnigan M	Archer B
12/13 Years Females	Leni R	Imogen P
12/13 Years Males	Baxter W	Liam F



GREAT EXPLORATIONS

Great Explorations are always enjoyable times throughout each term. This week we welcomed a large group of preschool aged children to our Art and Craft session. Children listened to 'Grug and the Rainbow' to inspire their art making and were encouraged to use their artistic talents to create big, colourful rainbow collages and scratch art door hangers. The Art room certainly was a hive of activity with both children and parents enjoyed getting to know each other. We look forward to welcoming families to our next Great Exploration session on Tuesday, 19 March.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Week 7

- Monday March 11: Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)
- Wednesday March 13: Good Shepherd 4YO Kinder Visit
- Thursday March 14: Kitchen Garden Club (Years 2, 3, 4 & 5)
 - 2.00pm - Foundation Service Learning
- Friday March 15: 9.00am - Chapel led by Year 1
 - 2.40pm - Assembly



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OPEN DAY

Wednesday, 27 March 2024
9:30 – 10:30am



MEET OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

**PERSONALISED AND INNOVATIVE
LEARNING**

**EVIDENCE BASED NUMERACY &
LITERACY PROGRAMS**

**WELCOMING AND NURTURING
COMMUNITY**

**EXCELLENTLY RESOURCED IN A
PICTURESQUE ENVIRONMENT**

**INCLUDED DAILY BUS SERVICE FROM
HAMILTON**

2025 ENROLMENTS OPEN

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TARRINGTON LUTHERAN SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO

GREAT EXPLORATIONS 2024

All pre-school aged children and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for a variety of explorations and fun throughout the year.



Term 1

Tuesday 20th February

Art Exploration with Mrs Cameron

Tuesday 19th March

Perceptual-Motor Skills Exploration with Ms Wathen

Term 2

Tuesday 7th May

Perceptual-Motor Skills Exploration with Ms Wathen

Tuesday 4th June

Literacy Exploration with Mrs McAllister

Term 3

Tuesday 6th August

Music Exploration with Mrs Walkenhorst

Tuesday 3rd September

Book Exploration with Mrs McAllister

Term 4

Tuesday 29th October

Music/Movement Exploration with Mrs Underwater

Tuesday 3rd December

Christmas Art Exploration with Mrs Cameron

Further information will be released prior to each exploration date.



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Enquiries

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

You're Invited!

Good Shepherd College's Senior Campus Open Day

Sunday 25th February
2:00-4:00pm
Senior Campus

Register at
<https://forms.gle/EEAQkTji5HWhWRgc6>
or call 03 5571 2236



Inspire. Care. Serve.

Mums and Daughters Bible Study Group

Open to any girls aged Year 3 to Year 6 and their mums.

Will meet Tuesday mornings through Term 2 and 3 (20 studies in total) from 8:00am-8:50am in the Church Hall

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and donuts from the Penshurst Bakery will be provided

Study text: "Lies Girls Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free" by Dannah Gresh

To reserve a spot or for any questions, please contact Ali on 0429 952 458 before the end of Term 1 (to allow sufficient time for books to arrive).

