



TLS NEWSLETTER

8 MARCH 2024 (WEEK 6)

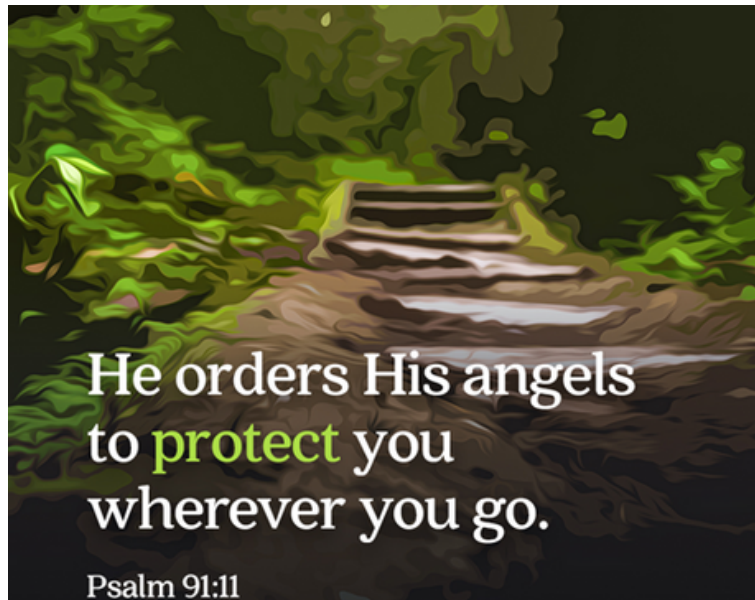


PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JANE WIEBUSCH



HOPE and Mountains



He orders his angels to protect you wherever you go. - Psalm 91:11 (NLT)

Sometimes the future (especially a worry) feels like a huge mountain looming in front of you. Its peaks are spiked with troubles, and its sides are pitted with problems. How can we face something so huge? The real trouble is not the mountain—it's that you're looking only at the mountain. And because you aren't looking at where you're going right now, you're likely to stumble along the easy path of today. Many times, the future 'mountain' we spend so much time looking at and worrying about, may not even end up to be part of our path. You don't know what will happen today, much less tomorrow. I may suddenly turn you away from the mountain, or show you an easier path. But I promise that if I ask you to climb that mountain, I will give you everything you need to reach the top. My angels will protect you. And I will be right by your side every step of the way.

TLS Learning Community: It's a journey together.

Learning Conferences - Thursday, 28 March - Save the date.

Learning Conferences provide an invaluable opportunity for open communication and collaboration, fostering a vital partnership and shared commitment to a child's academic success and wellbeing.

While Learning Conferences assist parents to gain insights into their child's progress, strengths, and areas for improvement, students feel empowered and supported in the essential process of reflecting on their own learning and setting learning goals. These three-way conversations also enable continuing conversations at home which can further complement and reinforce positive mindsets and learning.

You will receive information regarding online bookings shortly.

WELLBEING

MISS JANE



Term 1 is always filled with sporting events which see our student's competitive natures come out in full force. It can also be a time where our children start to compare themselves to others, get disappointed if they don't win, feel like failures and like they are just not good enough. This week we celebrated a wonderful Sports Carnival, which saw our students give their absolute best in each of their events. But I know that some probably went home feeling a bit disillusioned that they maybe didn't do as well as they may have liked.

The following is an article taken from: www.careforkids.com.au that helps us navigate this world of winning and losing with our children.

How to teach your child to win – and lose - gracefully

It's commonly said that, 'Winners are grinners and losers can please themselves,' and when it comes to children, this can translate to unabashed boasting and torrents of tears.

Young children's physical, emotional and social skills are still developing, and although it might be gratifying to win an Egg and Spoon Race or disappointing to miss out on a Pass the Parcel prize, it's important for youngsters to learn that winning isn't everything, it's how you play the game.

Let's look at why games are beneficial for children, and what parents can do to encourage fairness and raise a good sport.

What are the benefits of playing games?

Whether your child comes out on top – or not – games of all types are a chance for children to:

- Learn about fair play and competition
- Gain skills and have new experiences
- Interact with others, whether that's by playing with their peers or learning from an older role model

How can grown-ups encourage good gameplay?

To help parents put the focus on fairness and fun, rather than winning and losing, The Raising Children Network recommends that you:

1. Choose games suited to your child's age and abilities.

Younger children are most suited to straightforward games with short waiting times. Keep in mind that children find it easier to lose in a game of luck than in one of skill, so if a child is taking their losses hard, focus on chance-based games at first.

2. Make sure everyone knows the rules before the game starts.

Younger children need simpler rules, and as well as communicating the game parameters, introduce social rules too, like taking turns or congratulating the winner.

3. Encourage variety.

To widen their skills set, try out lots of different games, from indoor board games to outdoor party games, and play them with a range of older and younger children.

4. Provide feedback.

Praise children for their sharing and turn taking, and to help them be a good winner, encourage your child to show sympathy and support to those who didn't win. Overall, focus on the fun that everyone had playing the game, not the result.

5. Avoid letting your child win all the time.

Although 'fixing the game' can keep young children interested and build their confidence, this sets up unrealistic expectations for how life plays out and at the end of the day, a real win is more satisfying than a rigged one.

Is competition a good thing?

Of course, just because the focus is on fun, it doesn't mean that some healthy competition is off the cards.

Competition between children introduces a positive dynamic when it:

- Spurs children on to do their best
- Improves skills
- Fosters focus and discipline
- Makes children feel good about their achievements

Just keep in mind that an intense will to win can lead to less friendly behaviour, like cheating or arguments.

To avoid this, The Raising Children Network says, 'Competition works best when there are clear, fair and age-appropriate rules that everyone understands and agrees to follow before the game starts. It's also good if children are all at the same skill level.'

With all this in mind, let the best player win and may everyone finish with a grin.





EMMETT AWARD

HARRY

Consistently demonstrating a positive approach to learning, producing work to a high standard, and actively participating in classroom discussions with respect.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

GUS

For showing empathy, support and assistance to his peers in the classroom and for thinking of others.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 4 TERM 1

FOUNDATION

Gus C
Evie J

YEAR 1

Isobel Y
Sam U

YEAR 2

Micah V
Eva H
Luca T

YEAR 3

Macy M
Isaac K

YEAR 4

Dylan F
Charlie F

YEAR 5/6

Lucy S (6)



EMMETT AWARD

LUCY

For her growing confidence in the classroom when approaching unfamiliar tasks. She listens and responds well to feedback and has been working hard to embed important elements to enhance her writing. She has also been applying and challenging herself during numeracy.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

LEXIE

For her incredibly kind approach to everyone she meets, her calm, helpful manner and willingness to assist wherever she sees a need.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 5 TERM 1

FOUNDATION

Hallie S
Elias M

YEAR 1

Maggie M
Sam F

YEAR 2

Arthur W
Imogen S

YEAR 3

Audrey P
Ben B

YEAR 4

Ned R

YEAR 5/6

Georgia B
Finnigan M



IN THE CLASSROOM

YEAR 5/6

At the start of Week 5, our six School Captains and Mr Schapel participated in the Lutheran Western Hub Student Leadership Camp at Tandara in Halls Gap. This camp brought together representatives from six Lutheran schools in our region.

Emma from the Australian Lutheran World Service led sessions on the 4 S's of Leadership: Spiritual, Significant Qualities, Servant Leadership, and Support. These sessions involved interactive team-building activities. Additionally, the students took part in outdoor activities like archery and low ropes on the first day.

After the camp, our 2024 School Captains shared their reflections on leadership, including:

- Leadership can be displayed at any time.
- Leadership is not always visible and can occur behind the scenes.
- Anyone has the potential to be a leader, regardless of titles or badges.
- Effective communication is crucial to ensure all voices are heard.
- Learning techniques to capture attention and engage an audience.
- Building friendships with students from other Lutheran Schools was rewarding.
- Leadership skills require time to develop.



NOTICES

Property & Car Parking

The Church is about to undertake work on its roof. As such, there will be some temporary fencing installed around the Church from approximately 12 March for about six weeks. We are told we should still be able to access our usual car parking, we just wanted you to be aware and remind you to take care whilst navigating our car parking during this time.

Camps Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF)

Just a reminder to those of you who have a Centrelink Health Care Card, please make sure you let Jodie know at jbennett@tls.vic.edu.au, so we can claim the Camp Sport Excursion Fund for you.

PFSA

PFSA Meeting

The next meeting for the PSFA is being held on Wednesday, 13 March, 6.30pm, at the Botanical restaurant. A great way to see what PSFA is about and meet some new people over a lovely meal. Please RSVP to Helen Wilken on 0427 740 241.

Seniors Catering 2024

We are seeking TLS community support for our Senior's Catering event, particularly the upcoming one on Wednesday, 20 March.

Please refer to the Class Dojo post to sign up and help with PSFA's major fundraising activity which builds community and gives our senior students the opportunity to be of service.

There are many ways to help: help on the day, prepare food before hand, purchase groceries prior or help set-up at a time that suits you.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Year 4 class parents who organised, set up and served the barbecue at the Athletic Sports on Wednesday. The sausages were a hit!

SPORT UPDATE

Last Friday, in perfect weather conditions, we had four talented tennis players Dior, Erich, Jayden and Jessica represent TLS at the HDSA District Tennis Tournament at the Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club. There was a high level of tennis on display and we are very proud of the sportsmanship and determination showed by all students. Well done!!



SPORT UPDATE

What a fantastic day it was for the students and school community on Wednesday for our TLS Athletics Carnival at Mitchell Park.

Thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly on the day supervising the students, collating results, running events and helping with setting up and packing up of equipment. We were very fortunate to be able to use the Hamilton Little Athletics equipment again and would like to thank Mrs Narelle Frichot for all her assistance and expertise.

Many thanks also, to all the parents/care givers and Monivae College students who volunteered throughout the day to make it a successful event.

It was lovely to see the students compete to the best of their ability, whilst still offering encouragement and support to their peers.

Although the scores were very close all day, Napier won the overall points tally in the end; fabulous effort Napier!

Thank you to the PSFA for cooking the barbecue and supplying icy poles to top off a wonderful day. An amazing 18 records were broken on the day.

2024 Athletics Carnival Record Breakers with the records they broke.

Hallie S (6 year old female)	400 metres
Ahlia L (6 year old female)	75 metres
Huw B (6 year old male)	400 metres
Charlotte M (8 year old female)	400 metres
Megg C (8 year old female)	Shotput
Kieran F (8 year old male)	400 metres
Tobias H (8 year old male)	Shotput
Dior H (10 year old female)	800 metres
Liam P (10 year old male)	200 metres & 800 metres
Lucy S (11 year old female)	200 metres & 800 metres
Leo J (11 year old male)	800 metres
Jeremy W (11 year old male)	200 metres
Baxter W (12 year old male)	200 metres & 800 metres
Daphne B (12 year old female)	High Jump & 200 metres



Congratulations to our Age Group Champions:



Age Group	1 st	2 nd
6 Years Females	Hallie S Ahlia L	Zara J
6 Years Males	Huw B	Henry F
7 Years Females	Eva W	Claire H
7 Years Males	Edwin C	Sam F
8 Years Females	Charlotte M	Annie C
8 Years Males	Tobias H Kieran F	Chay L
9 Years Females	Minnie W	Lilah K
9 Years Males	Henry P	Ben B
10 Years Females	Dior H	Lucy C
10 Years Males	Liam P	Ned R
11 Years Females	Lucy S	Magnolia S
11 Years Males	Leo J	Jeremy W
12 Years Females	Leni R	Daphne B
12 Years Males	Baxter W	Liam F





SPORT UPDATE

14 students from Tarrington Lutheran School qualified to attend SSV Division Swimming Carnival in Warrnambool on Thursday, 29 February.

Congratulations to all our students on their amazing participation, performances and sportsmanship.

Our team came away with a number of exceptional swims – particularly Dior winning 9/10 year old girls backstroke and Jayden coming 5th in the 11 year old boys backstroke. These students have now qualified for Regional swimming in Horsham.

Well done team!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Week 8

- Tuesday March 19: 9.30am - Great Explorations
- Wednesday March 20: Seniors Catering
- Thursday March 21: Kitchen Garden Club (Foundation, Year 1)
- Friday March 22: 9.00am - Chapel led by Foundation
2.40pm - Assembly

Week 9

- Monday March 25: Good Shepherd 3YO Kinder Visit
- Tuesday March 26: SGSSA Athletic Sport - Mitchell Park
- Wednesday March 27: 9.30am Open Day
- Thursday March 28: Learning Conferences - Student Free Day

KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB

Students have been very busy in the Kitchen Garden with the tomatoes now ripe and ready for picking.





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.

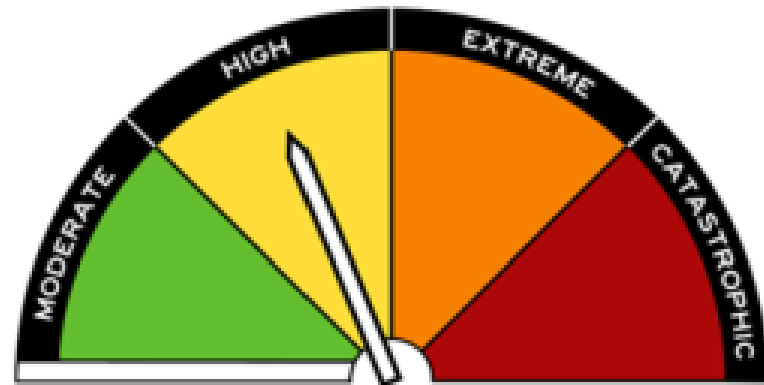
Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by email and/or Class Dojo.

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.



FIRE DANGER RATING

Tarrington

Lutheran School

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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

BOOK IN NOW



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Tarrington Lutheran School
invites you to

GREAT EXPLORATIONS

Perceptual Motor Skills exploration
with Ms Wathen

Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes,
and bring along a water bottle and a piece
of fruit.

9:30-10:30am
Tuesday, 19th March
in the
TLS Stadium

Tea & Coffee
provided

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SEASON 2024

UNDER 10S & 12S



HAMILTON KANGAROOS FNC

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
MARTIN CLARK
0428 355 474

FIRST U12 TRAINING
WED 6TH OF MARCH
4.00PM FRIENDLIES REC

FIRST U10 TRAINING
WED 20TH OF MARCH
4.30PM FRIENDLIES REC RESERVE

PARENT INFO SESSION
SUN 17 TH OF MARCH 4.00PM
FRIENDLIES REC RESERVE

ALL NEW PLAYERS
RECEIVE A
KANGAROOS FOOTY



PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



Mums and Daughters Bible Study Group



Are you interested in praying together for our kids? Or doing a Mums and Daughters Bible study using "Lies Girls Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free" by Dannah Gresh? If so, please contact Ali at 0429 952 458. We can talk about days/times that work best and how to make it happen.