



# TLS NEWSLETTER

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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## Devotion

Each morning before school begins, our staff team meets together for a devotion, prayer and briefing. This week, inspired by the changeable, and at times, tumultuous weather, Ange McAllister shared this devotional thought with us. It is indeed an apt metaphor and wonderful reminder of the comfort and hope we find in our loving God.

### Finding Strength in the Wind and Rain

*"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matthew 7:25 (NIV)*



We all have days that feel like storms—where challenges come at us like wind and rain. The wind can disrupt our plans and drive us ‘off course’, and the rain can feel overwhelming and relentless. But just like a house built on a strong foundation, we can stand firm through it all if we rely on God.

The wind, though it can be unsettling, also clears away what doesn’t belong, making space for new ideas and growth. The rain, while it might seem endless, nourishes the earth and helps everything grow. In the same way, the challenges we face help us and our students grow stronger.

When things get tough, remember that God is with you, giving you strength to weather the storm and a sure foundation to stand firm. God can turn challenges into opportunities for growth.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for being our solid and reliable foundation during the storms of life. Help us to trust in You when challenges arise, and to use those challenges to grow. Amen.



## EMMETT AWARD

CHARLOTTE

In recognition of her commitment to improvement across all learning areas, including specialist subjects, Charlotte consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic. She remains focused on her tasks, actively listens to feedback, and is dedicated to enhancing the quality of her work.



## JOHN LANDY AWARD

EVA

In acknowledgment of her kindness, care, and thoughtfulness towards others. Eva consistently extends her friendship to those seeking companionship, demonstrating her compassionate nature and commitment to fostering a supportive class community.

# SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 6 TERM 3

## FOUNDATION

Elias M

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### YEAR 1

Anderson R

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### YEAR 2

Hamish W  
Kurt W

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### YEAR 3

Arlo B  
Isaac K

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### YEAR 4

Maggie S

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### YEAR 5/6

Spencer H  
Barrett F



## EMMETT AWARD

LIAM

His remarkable improvement in his work ethic, consistently pushing himself to delve deeper into classroom content and actively participating in discussions. His engagement is shown as he eagerly tackles challenging tasks and seeks out additional support to expand his understanding.



## JOHN LANDY AWARD

IMOGEN

She demonstrates dedication and reliability in her Student Leadership role. Imogen consistently shows a willingness to assist others and takes on additional responsibilities whenever needed. Her flexibility and ability to work collaboratively makes her a valuable team player.

# SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 7 TERM 3

## FOUNDATION

Hallie S  
Huw B

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## YEAR 1

Sam F  
Isobel Y

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## YEAR 2

Deani B  
Annie C  
Chay L  
Micah V  
Layla W

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## YEAR 3

Jack J  
Kivi H  
Alice B

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## YEAR 4

Dylan F

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## YEAR 5/6

Jeremy W  
Jacob H



# IN THE CLASSROOM

## YEAR 3/4

On Wednesday afternoon the Year 3 and 4 classes visited with the residents at Eventide for a second time. In our PBL unit this term students are considering how they can enrich the lives of elders living around us and are engaging in an ongoing series of visits. Students and residents enjoyed some time to share their experiences and interact over games and puzzles.

*"It's fun and it's really good getting to know how elderly people feel, because I don't always get to see older people."* Kivi H

*"It was really fun playing the games, like Monopoly with the old people and it was a really good experience for kids who haven't been there before."* Will R.

*"We got to teach the residents how to play games like Uno and made them smile!"* Ana P.

*"We played games and it was pretty good. It was kind of hard sometimes when the people couldn't hear."* Henry P.

*"It was good. We played games and read books. We were with the same people as last time if they were there and it was really fun!"* Maggie S.



# GREAT EXPLORATIONS

On Tuesday, Mrs McAllister lead another fun and interactive Great Explorations session. After listening to the story 'One Little Duck" by Katrina Germain the children then sang the 'Little Ducks' song while Year 6 student, Harry F, played the guitar. This was followed by duck themed craft activities. The next exploration session will be movement and music with Mrs Onderwater on **Tuesday, 29 October**.



# JUNIOR HOOP TIME BASKETBALL

On Tuesday we had 4 teams competing in the Hamilton Junior Hoop Time competition. It was great to see the way the teams worked together to support each other and play some amazing basketball throughout the day. Wonderful sportsmanship was on display and lots of cheering was heard echoing throughout the stadium.

Congratulations to the All Star Boys team that remained undefeated all day and won the Grand Final. We wish them luck as they progress through to the next stage.

A big thank you to our coaches Miss George, Mrs Huf, Lily and Tim Robertson and supportive team managers Belle Last, Erin Penny, Lucy Cameron and Mrs Robertson. Your help was much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing the Senior students in action tomorrow.



# FATHERS AND CARERS MORNING

Last Friday morning, we enjoyed celebrating and showing our gratitude for all the wonderful fathers and carers in our community. Thank you for all you do to love, nurture and support us in our lives and on our learning journey here at TLS.





# HONOURABLE DAN TEHAN VISITS TLS

On Monday, Dan Tehan braved the blustery conditions to visit TLS. He spent time in our Foundation and Year 1 classrooms during their Literacy block. He was interested in the phonics and written language that was taking place as part of our research-based Structured Literacy program. The students enjoyed sharing their learning with Dan.



# GARDEN CLUB

Today in Garden Club with Mrs. Lucy Cameron, the Year 1 students explored biomes and the living creatures found in compost soil. The children counted and tallied the number of worms in two scoops of compost, discovering an impressive 67 worms! They also searched through the soil for other life forms, finding earwigs, hookworms, slater bugs, and various other insects. Afterward, we made compost tea by placing stinging nettles, weeds, and compost into a pillowcase and soaking it in a large bucket of water. In a few weeks, this compost tea will be used on the wicking garden beds. A big thank you to Mrs. Cameron and her helpers for leading such a fun Garden Club session today!



# NOTICES

## **Semester 2 Learning Conferences**

Semester 2 Learning Conferences on Wednesday, 18 and Thursday 19 September from 3:30pm - 7:30pm. Learning Conferences are an integral part of our reporting and assessment process. Bookings are made through the Parent Access Module (PAM). Please refer to detailed information sent to all families on 28 August, 2024 via email and contact the Administration Office on (03) 5572 3897 if you require assistance.

## **Footy Colours Day - Friday, 20 September**

On the last day of term all students are invited to dress up in their favourite footy teams colours. When we say footy we mean AFL, Junior Footy teams, soccer as well as basketball and netball. Or just get colourful. Please bring along a cold coin donation to go towards Children's Cancer Research .

Parents/carers are welcome to join us at 12:15pm for lunch. Please feel free to bring a deckchair to sit on. We are looking for parents/carers to participate in the much-anticipated TLS Footy Day Colours football match.

## **End of Term 3 - Concludes at 2:15**

Just a reminder that on the last Friday of this term school will conclude an hour earlier at 2.15pm to align with government buses.

## **Nude Food Day - Wednesday, 9 October**

TLS Environmental Leaders will be hosting a Nude Food day on Wednesday, 9 October (Week 1 Term 4). This day will encourage students to create less plastic waste by not bringing packaged food and using reusable packaging instead. In the coming weeks we will be sharing some yummy recipes that could replace their packaged alternatives.

## **Save the date - School Performance (Concert) - Friday, 29 November**

This year our School Performance will be on Friday, 29 November in Term 4. This is the date that was previously set aside for Laternenfest (which is no longer going ahead). More information will follow.

## **Calling all current 2024 Foundation families**

### **Save the Date: 2025 Foundation Welcome Barbeque – Wednesday, 14 November 2024**

We are excited to **invite our current 2024 Foundation families** to the 2025 Foundation Welcome Barbeque on Thursday, **14 November** at 6:00pm. This event aims to warmly welcome our new Foundation students and their families joining us for the 2025 school year.

We would love our current Foundation students and families to join us for a relaxed evening filled with opportunities to meet and greet, share your experiences, and engage in friendly conversations with our 2025 Foundation cohort. Let's come together to help our new students and families settle into our vibrant and friendly community, and school life at TLS.

## **Collecting students during school hours (9:00 am - 3:10 pm)**

A reminder to parents and carers wishing to see or collect their children during school hours (9:00 am - 3:10 pm), please ensure you comply with child safety standards by doing so through the front office. This includes picking up children after Friday afternoon assemblies. Thank you for your cooperation.

# NOTICES

## Conveyance Allowance

If you live more than 4.8 km's from your nearest bus stop, which you use to attend Tarrington Lutheran School, you may be eligible for a Conveyance Allowance payment from the Department of Education and Training (DET). The purpose of this allowance is to ensure that schools support eligible families to receive financial assistance with the cost of transporting students to and from school.

If you think you may be eligible, please contact Jodie at [jbennett@tls.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbennett@tls.vic.edu.au) to discuss further.

## Child Safety at TLS - National Child Protection Week

Next week is National Child Protection Week. At TLS, there is nothing more important than the safety and wellbeing of our students. We place our commitments under the Child Safe Standards at the top of our priorities as a school. As part of this commitment, our staff regularly undertake training regarding the standard and the actions to be taken to maintain a Child Safe environment.

Our students are also educated so that they know what to do if ever they feel unsafe. To help with this, these two resources are discussed with our students.

[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/EasyEnglish\\_PrimarySchool\\_FactSheet.pdf](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/EasyEnglish_PrimarySchool_FactSheet.pdf)

It is important that our families are also aware of the part they play in creating a Child Safe environment. All adults volunteering on a regular basis at the School should undertake our online Child Safe training. Please contact our Administration Office for assistance.

You may notice that our teachers are guiding our students to offer high fives/fist bumps/arm taps/handshakes in preference to a hug. While hugging is not a practice that teachers and staff at TLS have actively encouraged, in keeping with our obligations and these new standards, we are required to minimise physical contact with students. There are times when physical contact is appropriate, such as a brief side hug to comfort an extremely distressed child, or holding a child to keep them from danger.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Week 9

- Monday September 9 - Friday September 13: 5/6 Camp Melbourne
- Tuesday September 10: 10.00am - Good Shepherd Kinder Visit
- Thursday September 12: 9.00am - Foundation Excursion (Halls Gap)
- Friday September 13: 9.00am - Worship led by Year 3

### Week 10

- Wednesday September 18: 3.30pm - 7.30pm - Learning Conferences
- Thursday September 19: 3.30pm - 7.30pm - Learning Conferences
- Friday September 20: Footy Colours Day  
9.00am - Worship led by Pastor Joshua Pfeiffer  
- No Assembly