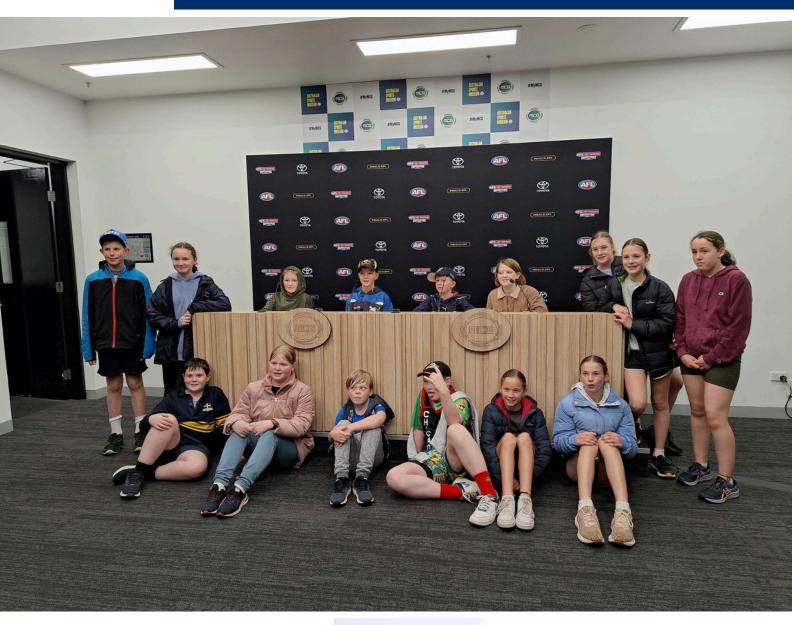


# **TLS NEWSLETTER**

20 SEPTEMBER 2024 (WEEK 10)



#### But the fruit of the spirit is ... joy





A year of HOPE "May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace" Romans 15:13

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JANE WIEBUSCH



## Work Rest and Play

On Friday, 6 September, TLS staff participated in a combined Western Hub conference with Good Shepherd College. The theme of the conference was Work, Rest and Play.



In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to get caught up in the never-ending cycle of work, rest, and play. We often find ourselves striving for success, pushing ourselves to the limit at work, and then seeking rest and recreation to recharge. Finding balance among these three aspects—work, rest, and play—is essential for our physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing.

Each element - work, rest and play - is a special gift to us from God.

In Genesis 2:2-3, we read that after God had created the heavens and the earth, He rested on the seventh day. This act of rest on the Sabbath set a precedent for us to follow, reminding us of the importance of rest and rejuvenation.

Work is also a significant aspect of our lives. Colossians 3:23-24 reminds us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Our work is a means through which we can serve God and others, using our gifts and talents for His glory.

Play, or recreation, is equally important. It offers us a chance to unwind, connect with loved ones, and enjoy the blessings God has given us. Proverbs 17:22 tells us, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Engaging in playful activities can uplift our spirits and bring joy to our hearts.

When we overwork ourselves, neglecting rest and play, we risk burnout and spiritual emptiness. Conversely, when we focus too much on leisure and neglect our responsibilities, we can become unproductive and discontent.

As we strive to find balance in work, rest, and play, let us remember to seek God's guidance in all that we do. Let us work diligently, remembering that our ultimate purpose is to glorify Him. Let us rest in His presence, finding peace and rejuvenation in Him. And let us play joyfully, savoring the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

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## Structured Literacy - What is it?

You will have heard our teachers using the term Structured Literacy to describe our phonics-based approach to teaching Literacy. Our approach incorporates other terms you might be less familiar with, such as Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) and the Science of Reading.

In a nutshell, Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) is a highly effective, evidence-based approach to teaching children how to read by focusing on the relationship between sounds and letters. The approach is systematic, meaning it follows a structured sequence, and synthetic, meaning children learn to blend sounds to form words.

Initially children are taught phonological awareness – how to recognise and work with sounds in spoken language – without involving letters. This includes skills such as identifying rhymes, counting syllables, and recognising the individual sounds in words. The ability to hear, recognise and manipulate those sounds in words is a critical element in learning to read and write.

Diane Bourke, from Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) provides a wonderfully succinct and comprehensive explanation of the Systematic Synthetic Phonics approach to teaching reading on the ISV Parents website Link here I highly recommend this parent-friendly read.

## Devotion

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30



May we find harmony in the rhythm of work, rest, and play, trusting in God's provision and wisdom as we navigate the complexities of life. May we honor Him in all that we do, living wholeheartedly and abundantly in His grace.

We pray that all our community enjoy a safe and happy time together over the break. May God be with all those experiencing difficulties, loss or ill health. May He comfort them and bring them healing, restoration and peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## WELLBEING

MISS JANE



This term, our Standing Tall family here at TLS has grown exponentially. We currently have nine mentoring relationships happening each Thursday lunch time, with more to commence in Term Four.

We have an amazing team of dedicated volunteer mentors who guide, support and inspire our young mentees here at TLS. Amazing conversations are happening over board games, cooking sessions, art projects and some very competitive sporting activities. Mentors are building life skills and self confidence in our young people, and we are excited to see where their journey's take them.

















## **EMMETT AWARD**

## MEGG

For demonstrating dedication and perseverance by consistently challenging herself to improve, embracing feedback, and actively seeking ways to enhance her skills and knowledge.



## JOHN LANDY AWARD

## J A C K

For consistently demonstrating cooperation, thoughtfulness, and selflessness by prioritising the needs of others above his own, making a significant and positive impact on our school community.

# SCHOOL AWARDS WEEK 9 TERM 3

## FOUNDATION

Charlie L Elijah C Clara W

## YEAR 1

Amelia B Hannah W Elora M

## YEAR 2

Luca T Grace G

## YEAR 3

Lilah K Angus L Quinn F Henry P Isaac T

## YEAR 4

Charlie F Lucy C Duncan C

## **YEAR 5/6**

No awards - on camp

# IN THE CLASSROOM YEAR 4

What a busy term the Year 4 student have had. The students have been so engaged with the Year 3 class while working on our Project Based Learning Unit, Enriching the Lives of Elders with the driving question, 'How can I as a student, help enrich the lives of elders living around me?'

The students thought thoroughly about what they could do to enrich the lives of elders. Here are some of the final products the Year 4 students came up with. Some are still a work in progress.



## SENIOR HOOP TIME BASKETBALL

On Friday, 6 September, we had three teams compete in the Hamilton Senior Hoop Time competition at HILAC. It was a day filled with exciting basketball, where our players showed incredible sportsmanship, determination, and skill against some tough competition. Each team delivered outstanding performances throughout the day with the All Star Girls team making it to the semi final and going down by only 2 points!

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated coaches Shaylee Walkenhorst, Narelle Frichot, Tim Robertson, and Lily for their guidance and support. We also extend our gratitude to our fantastic team managers and scorers Naomi Hill, Talitha Appledore and Mrs Robertson who ensured everything ran smoothly.

Well done, Team TLS! We're proud of all your efforts and achievements on the court!





## YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP

Last week, the Year 5/6 class embarked on an exciting Melbourne camp. The week was filled with various fun activities and rich learning experiences. Throughout the trip, we received many positive comments about our students' conduct and interactions.

Thank you to Miss George, Mrs Williams, and Nathan Appledore for supporting us throughout the actionpacked week.



# FOUNDATION EXCURSION

Last Thursday, our Foundation students had an exciting 'Big Day Out' at Halls Gap Zoo. During a guided tour with a zookeeper, they eagerly observed and learned about a wide variety of animals. The day was full of discovery and strengthened friendships, as the student's shared excitement and many special moments together.



# FOOTY COLOURS DAY

TLS held a Footy Colours Day to conclude Term 3. Students proudly wore their footy colours to celebrate their favourite football/sporting teams. The Year 6 students lead some football skills and competitions for the Foundation, Year one and two students including the longest kick and handball. Everyone enjoyed a hot dog lunch with thanks to our wonderful PSFA. The BIG Footy Colours Day football match between students and parents ended in spectacular fashion with the students winning over a gallant parent cohort. Many thanks to everyone that supported this event and raised money for children with cancer. A special thank you, to Charlie Frichot for running the boundary for today's game.



# NOTICES

### **Garden Club Volunteers**

We welcome any enthusiastic community volunteers to join us to assist next term with our Garden Club on Thursdays, 12:45 - 1:45 pm. Participation may be on a weekly, fortnightly or on a purely casual basis. Any parents, carers, grandparents or friends of our community who are interested in coming along to share their gardening knowledge and passion with us. Please contact Lucy Cameron on 0403457999n to find out how you can get involved.



### 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 thier packaged alternatives.

### Calling all current 2024 Foundation families

## Save the Date: 2025 Foundation Welcome Barbeque – Thursday, 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.

## **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 to discuss further.

## CALENDAR OF EV

### Week 1

- Monday October 7: Term 4 Begins
- Wednesday October 9: Nude Food Day

9.30am - Foundation Service Learning HIRL

- Thursday October 10: Year 1/2 Camp
- Friday October 11: Year 1/2 Camp

9.00am - Worship led by Year 6

2.40pm - Assembly

### Week 2

- Monday October 14 Friday October 18: Year 3-6 Swimming Program
- Wednesday October 16: 6.30pm PSFA Ladies Night (HIRL)
- Friday October 18: 9.00am Worship led by Year 4

2.40pm - Assembly

### Week 3

- Monday October 21 Friday October 25: F 2 Swimming Program
- Monday October 21: Hoop Time Basketball Regional Finals (HILAC)
- Tuesday October 22: 12.00pm Year 5/6 WDHS Health Talk
- Friday October 25: 9.00am Worship led by Foundation

2.40pm - Assembly



Jo Levy will lead a fun floral arranging episode! Scavenge your gardens and BYO buckets of flowers, natives.. whatever you've got growing to use on the night.

SAVE THE DATE

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Date: Wednesday 16th of October Time: 6.30pm Location: HIRL Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes finger food by Little Brick House cafe) BYO drinks, alcohol is permitted at the venue. Tea & coffee will be provided.

Booking can be made via the following links;

https://www.trybooking.com/CVNHP



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

