



TLS NEWSLETTER

18 OCTOBER 2024 (WEEK 2)



The Lord is on my side
I will not fear
Psalm 118:6



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JANE WIEBUSCH



Summer Uniform

Term 4 is summer uniform and hats. Our two-week change-over period to the summer uniform has now concluded and from next week students are now required to wear their full summer uniform.

Please note that Foundation -Year 2 students undertaking their school swimming in Week 3 are encouraged to wear their sport uniform to school for the duration of their swimming program for ease of changing. Unless swimming, all students are expected to wear full summer uniforms from Week 3.

PSFA Ladies Night

On Wednesday night, our wonderful PSFA organised a Ladies Night event which included a hands-on flower arranging demonstration. We thank the PSFA for their organisation of this event and for their continued support of the TLS community.



Art Exhibition and Music Night

On **Wednesday 6 November at 9:15 am**, TLS will hold an opening for our annual Visual Art Exhibition in the Tarrington Lutheran Church Hall. Our Art Teacher, Mrs Bec Cameron, has organised a local artist, to speak to our students for the occasion. Families are most welcome to join us for the Opening of the exhibition and enjoy a closer look at the students' art work and a cuppa following the guest speaker.

That evening, at 7:00 pm, Tara's Music school, together with Mrs Mel Walkenhorst, will host the annual Music Evening, in the Tarrington Lutheran Church Hall. While this is an opportunity for students undertaking music tuition to share their learning and showcase their talents, everyone is most welcome to attend. If your child is learning a musical instrument outside of school lessons and would like to perform on the night, please contact Music Tuition Teacher, Mrs Hazel Forrest (Tara's Music School students) or the Administration Office (03) 5572 3897.

Performing Arts Concert and Christmas Windows

Our TLS Performing Arts Concert takes place on the evening of Friday, 29 November from approximately 6:30pm (further details coming soon) at Tarrington Lutheran School. We are excited to announce that this evening will have a Christmas theme and will incorporate the unveiling of our TLS Christmas Window Lights display along the front of our building. Each window display will be designed by our students and will complement their class performances. Weather permitting, we plan to hold an outdoor performance, while our families enjoy a picnic on our picturesque oval. There will be the opportunity to purchase items from PSFA fundraising BBQ to assist families with catering. BYO picnic baskets and utensils, chairs/blankets, salads and drinks. Stay tuned for more information.

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Devotion

LIGHT TO A DARK PATH

We all go through times when we feel as though we're in a desert. It's simply part of life. If you are in the 'desert lands' (badlands) right now, hold on to these truths below. I hope they help you as much as they have helped me.

God says, "Don't be afraid...You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you...It won't be a dead end" (Isaiah 43:1-2). He tells us:

I am God, your personal God...

I paid a huge price for you...

That's how much I love you!

I'd sell off the whole world to get you back. (vv. 3-4 MSG)

You are precious and valued because He loves you. So often we fail to understand quite how valuable we are to God. To Him we're worth the high price He paid - the death of His own Son, Jesus.

In all struggles and difficulties of life, God has a good plan for our future. He said, "I'm about to do something brand-new...I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands" (v19 MSG).

Just because we can't see or feel God close to us, it doesn't mean that He isn't there, and it doesn't mean that His plans have failed. The hope we have in Him is much bigger than anything we currently feel simply in our emotions. To many great men and women through the ages, Christ has been light to a dark path, strength to a failing body, and hope to a struggling mind.

Devotion Credit: Bear Grylls Soul Fuel





The Cost of LIVING CRISIS

The latest report from School TV is now available in our Parent Portal, please check it out...

SPECIAL REPORT: The Cost of Living Crisis

In our ever-changing economic landscape, parents and caregivers are increasingly faced with the task of broaching the subject of growing expenses with their children. While the instinct may be to shield young people from life's challenges, there's a growing belief that addressing real-world issues, including financial uncertainties, can actually foster resilience and understanding. Striking a balance between protection and education is crucial for those looking to empower their children.

To effectively introduce the topic of finances, we need to be mindful of the timing and setting of the conversation. Using straightforward, age-appropriate language helps maintain transparency, and openly discussing adjustments to the family budget can carry significant weight. By encouraging children to participate in finding creative ways to save and make thoughtful spending choices, parents can nurture a sense of responsibility.

This Special Report offers a valuable opportunity to enhance children's financial literacy, equipping them with the resilience needed to thrive in an increasingly complex world.

Here is the link to your Special Report https://tls.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-cost-living-crisis-au



EMMETT AWARD

J E R E M Y

Demonstrating a strong commitment to his learning by making choices to work independently, complete tasks to a high standard, and seek opportunities to be extended; particularly during mathematics lessons.



JOHN LANDY AWARD

S P E N C E R

Taking great ownership and responsibility with his student leadership position, and helping to ensure that the sports shed is kept tidy and equipment is maintained.

SCHOOL AWARDS

WEEK 9 TERM 3

FOUNDATION

Elias M
Heidi O

YEAR 1

No awards - on camp

YEAR 2

No awards - on camp

YEAR 3

Jack J
Minnie W
Angus L

YEAR 4

William R

YEAR 5/6

Lucy S (5)
Harry N



IN THE CLASSROOM

YEAR 5/6

In Year 5/6, the swimming program has been popular to begin this term, with many Year 6 students on track to receive their Water Safety Certificates.

We have spent some time reflecting on our rich excursion to the Jewish Museum of Australia as part of the Term 4 Christian Studies-based Project-Based Learning unit.

The class has enjoyed the beginning of our Term 4 class novel, *Restart*, and the related structured literacy activities.

Buddy time on some Friday afternoons has also been an enjoyable experience for many.

The students have also appreciated having some homely comforts added to our spacious learning environment, making it clearer and more inviting.



REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Friday we had 4 students travel to Ballarat to compete in the Greater Western Region Track and Field Championships. Each student performed very well against strong competitors in their events and represented TLS with pride and determination.

Congratulations to Henry, Liam, Ned, Leni and Harry for qualifying for this level of competition. It is unfortunate that Harry couldn't compete due to injury and we wish him a speedy recovery. A very special congratulations to Liam who came 2nd in the 200m. Liam has now qualified to run in Melbourne at the states. Well done, Liam, what an amazing achievement!



YEAR 1 & 2 CAMP

Last week, our Year 1 and 2 students embarked on an exciting two day adventure filled with learning, fun and unforgettable memories. Thursday began with a journey to Flagstaff Hill, Warrnambool and a step back in time. On Thursday afternoon the students returned to school for games, dinner and a movie in bed. Friday was filled with more fun activities as the students explored and the Penshurst Volcanic Discovery Centre, Mount Rouse and even saw an echidna. Thank you to Mrs Mac & Mrs Onderwater for organising the camp & to all the parent volunteers who joined us on our adventures or cooked breakfast.



FOUNDATION EXCURSION

Last Wednesday, the Foundation class visited the Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL) as part of their Term 4 Service-Learning project. Students actively participated by weeding garden beds, removing old silverbeet, and helped to plant new vegetables.



GARDEN CLUB

TLS Nude Food Day

Our first ever Nude Food day was a great success with single-use plastic being reduced by 81% on the day. Thank you to all to the school community for getting on board with this initiative, it is one that we will definitely look to expand on in the future. Well done also to our Year 6 Leaders Alexander, Finnegan and Harry for weighing and processing the waste and ensuring the day went smoothly.



Week	Date	Year Level
Week 1	10/10	No garden club
Week 2	17/10	2
Week 3	24/10	3, 4, 5, 6
Week 4	Friday 1/11 Buddy Time 1.30-2.30pm	F & 6
Week 5	7/11	1
Week 6	14/11	3, 4, 5, 6
Week 7	21/11	2
Week 8	28/11	1
Week 9	5/12	F



We welcome any enthusiastic community volunteers to join us to assist with our Garden Club on Thursdays, 12:45 - 1:45 pm. Roster above. 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 0403 457 999 to find out how you can get involved.

PSFA LADIES NIGHT

A fabulous night was had a fabulous night was had by all who attended the PSFA Ladies Night. Thank you to the PSFA for putting on such a wonderful event. A special thank you, to Jo Levy for her expertise.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Week 4

- Monday October 28: 9.15am - Foundation PBL
- Tuesday October 29: 9.30am - Great Explorations
- Wednesday October 30: 6.30pm - 2025 Foundation Parent Information Night
- Friday November 1: Year 5/6 Cricket
9.00am - Worship led by Year 1
2.40pm - Assembly

NOTICES

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.

St Michael's Church Worship Times

Both Tarrington and Warrayure Parish Worship times can be found in the following link.

You can also follow their Facebook page; Tarrington Lutheran Church - St. Michael's

https://tarringtonlutheranparish.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawF-n0xleHRuA2F1bQIxMAABHc8pLvMcDNnp06svM1d9SUHGNIC9Lf3cwRitfZeFA9dRvYrgv9sLxsv2w_aem_puELj09in5ek5KfFIXPAwQ

Tarrington Lutheran School invites you to

GREAT EXPLORATIONS

Pre-school aged children and their
parents/caregivers are invited to

★ join in a Music & Movement
Exploration with Mrs Onderwater

Tuesday, 29th October

9:30-10:30am

in the TLS Multipurpose Area



★
Tea & Coffee
provided.
Bring a Fruit
Snack.

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



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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH

RACE START 8 AM FROM LAKE'S EDGE PLAYGROUND

**\$20 ENTRY RECIEVE A PAIR OF
RACE DAY SOCKS & BBQ BREKKY**

REGISTER NOW! →



Hamilton Lutheran Parish

Junior Youth

Term 4, 2024

October 25th – Games in the Gardens

5:30pm – 7pm

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

November 5th – Chalk Chase

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

5:30pm – 7:30pm

November 22nd – Minute to Win It

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

5:30pm – 7pm

December 6th – Lake and playgrounds

Drop off – Hamilton Rowing Club @5:30pm

Pick up – Lake's edge adventure playground @7pm

More details will be posted on the Messenger group chat.

If you wish to be added, please email Josh Rentsch

jjrentsch03@gmail.com

Hamilton Lutheran Parish

Senior Youth

Term 4, 2024

October 18th – Games night

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

6:30pm – 8pm

November 1st – Movie and Pizza night

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

6:30pm – 8:30pm

November 29th – Grange Burn Nature Walk

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

5:30pm – 7:30pm

December 6th – Trivia Night: Year review

Hamilton Fellowship Hall

6:30pm – 8pm

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