



# Mount Tarcoola Primary School



School Motto  
"Reliability"

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 2017 No: 1

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday 9th February**

Parent Info Session Rooms 10 & 12 6–6:30pm

**Monday 13th February**

P&C Meeting 7:00pm

**Tuesday 14th February**

Peter Coombe Incursion K–6

**Wednesday 15th February**

Parent Welcome BBQ 6:15–7:30pm  
Parent Info Sessions Rooms K, Pp, 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

**Thursday 16th February**

Before School Tennis Coaching 7:45–8:30am

**Thursday 23rd February**

West Coast Eagles Visit 9:15–10:00am  
Before School Tennis Coaching 7:45–8:30am

**Thursday 2nd March**

Before School Tennis Coaching 7:45–8:30am

**Friday 3rd March**

Parent Assembly Rooms 13 & 14

### SCHOOL WATCH ALERT

Our school is being subjected to increasing vandalism after school and on weekends. Please report any after hours visitors to the police on **9923 4555** or School Watch on **131 444**.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Welcome to the 2017 school year and may I say that after being away for three terms I had forgotten what a great school we have and great schools evolve because we have great parents, students, and staff.

If you have been up at school and there were some new faces that you didn't recognise they probably belong to either; Graham Goodall-Smith, our new School Psychologist, Ibu Sitti, Indonesian Language Assistant working alongside Ibu Tiana. Maybe they are Sarah Todd or Brodie Drage who are completing Teaching Practicums at our school. I would like to welcome them all to our school and I know they will enjoy their time here.

Following on with the welcome theme, the annual 'Welcome BBQ' is planned for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb, which is Week 3 and the organising committee have everything in hand. The idea is that you can meet other families and staff in an informal setting whilst having a free sausage sizzle, Halal sausages will also be available, cooked by our tong twirling staff. Families can bring along their own salads and non-alcoholic drink. A reminder that as the function is on schools grounds it is a non-smoking event.

Classroom Parent Information Sessions are occurring during the next two weeks. These are a great opportunity to meet classroom teachers and gain an insight into how the class will operate. If you are unable to attend please arrange a time to meet the teacher so they can share the information with you making sure parents and teachers have a common understanding.

With the return to school it is timely to remind everyone about safe travel to and from school and I have included an article from the Constable Care website and the information is relevant for parents and children of all ages. Please take the time to read the information with your children.

I am looking forward to a wonderful term after a great start and to seeing as many of you as possible at the Welcome BBQ.

SHANE RUTTER  
PRINCIPAL

## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

As kids and parents get back into the swing of school, it's important to keep safety in mind. Drivers should remember that as the new school year begins, children will be walking, crossing streets and maybe even fooling around a bit on their way to school. Parents should take the opportunity now to talk with their children about getting to and from school safely.

Here are some tips from Constable Care to make the start of the 2017 school year a safe one:

### **Make safety part of the conversation**

- Talk with your kids about safety and going back to school. If possible do a practice run before schools starts so your child is familiar with the process.
- Remind children not to talk with strangers or anyone that offers a lift home unless it has been prearranged with yourself.
- Reinforce with your children that they should avoid walking or riding bikes behind school buses and other dangerous blind spots.
- If you are collecting your child from school, advise them where the pick-up point will be and the safest way to get to you. This could include using a crossing and not running across the road.
- If your child is riding to school ensure they wear bike safety equipment including helmets.
- Tell your child to always cross the road at crossings or traffic lights and to look both ways before crossing.
- Don't talk on your phone or send text messages while you're driving. Apart from the safety concerns, it's important to practice what you preach — don't text and drive.

### **School Zone driving safety tips**

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.
- Always slow down for school busses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of and watch out for child 'hot spots', such as around schools, near bus stops and bike lanes, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles, make a U-Turn or change lanes while driving in a school zone.
- Unless licensed to do so, never use disability parking, emergency vehicle lanes or spaces to drop off or pick up children at school.
- Expect the unexpected.

### **Riding your bike to school**

- Check with the school to make sure your child is allowed to ride their bicycle to school. Some schools do not allow students to ride bicycles to school until they reach a specific grade.
- Make sure your child always wears a bicycle helmet! Failure to wear one could result in a traffic fine. Furthermore, in the event of an accident, helmets reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Obey the rules of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles, including bicycles.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with children until they can demonstrate road safety awareness.
- If possible, try to ride with someone else. There is safety in numbers.

### **Walking to school**

- Leave early enough to arrive at school at least 10 minutes prior to the start of school.
- Use the same route every day and never use shortcuts.
- Go straight home after school. Do not go anywhere else without permission.
- Always use public footpaths and streets when walking to school.
- Demonstrate traffic safety awareness and pick the safest route between your home and the school, and practice walking it with your children.
- Try and walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers.
- Teach your children to recognize and obey traffic signals, signs, and pavement markings.
- Only cross streets at designated crosswalks, street corners and traffic controlled intersections.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street and never enter streets from between obstacles like parked cars, shrubbery, signs, etc.
- Always walk and never run across intersections.
- Avoid talking to strangers. Teach your children to get distance between themselves and anyone who tries to approach or make contact with them.
- If a stranger does approach your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.
- Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.

### **School bus safety**

- Make a habit of arriving at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus.
- Make sure your child stays off the street and avoids excessive horseplay while waiting for the school bus.
- Be sure the bus comes to a complete stop before getting on or off.
- When riding the bus, make sure your child understands they must remain seated and keep their head and arms inside the bus at all times.
- Do not shout or distract the driver.

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES 2017

A Voluntary Contributions and P&C Advice will be sent home by Friday 17th February for each child via their classroom teacher. Parents have the opportunity to pay Contributions and P&C by Direct Deposit into the school's bank account—details will be on the bottom of the advice sheet. Credit Cards, cash and cheques will still be accepted—payment to be made at the office. Charges for In-term Swimming, Incursions/Excursions, Graduation etc will be **pay as you go**. Class teachers will provide details of incursions/excursions and costs, payment to be made to class teacher (cash or cheque).

Credit card payment (at bottom of advice sheet) is only available for Contributions and P&C. The school **does not** have EFTPOS.

**Contributions and P&C** are voluntary and are used by the school to provide materials, services and facilities for the educational program of students. **Charges and other optional costs** are for the participation of students in events such as excursions, performances, in-term swimming and sporting events. Students cannot participate in these events unless the charges have been paid.

### PARENT MEETINGS

Class teachers will be conducting Parent Meetings in Weeks 2 & 3 to inform parents of the operational procedures for their class. Parents will receive a note home regarding the day and time for their child's class

### SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB YEAR 1—6

The first bookclub order for 2017 is due back by Tuesday 14th February, 2017.

### PARENT NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD — IMPORTANT

Last year we had emails bounce back as the address given was incorrect or did not have the correct permissions, therefore all families will receive the first issue as a hard copy. Please indicate on the slip below your preferred method to receive our newsletter. If an additional person requires the newsletter to be emailed please supply their details as well e.g grandparent, split families. Place completed slip in box provided in office foyer by WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017. If a slip is **not returned** you will receive a hard copy via eldest child.

We have also had a few instances where mail has been returned to the school or phone numbers disconnected. If home/mailling addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts have changed please come into the office and complete a change of details form.

### PARENT NEWSLETTER DELIVERY METHOD

Eldest Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

HARD COPY

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional person Contact's Name (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTED  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME BARBECUE

On Wednesday the 15<sup>h</sup> February 2017 Mount Tarcoola Primary School will be holding a Barbecue/sausage sizzle to welcome all families to our school.

We invite all parents/guardians with children from Kindergarten to Year 6 to attend and enjoy an evening where you can meet the staff and the other families. Sausages, bread etc will be provided by the school's P&C at no cost to parents/caregivers. Halal sausages will be available.

The sausage sizzle will start at approximately 6.15pm. Families will need to bring their own salads and drinks. A barbecue will also be available if you wish to cook other meat. The sausage sizzle will be located outside rooms 7 and 8 so that children can access the lawn area behind the Library and the playground.

**When: Wednesday 15<sup>h</sup> February 2017**  
**6.15pm - 7.30pm**

## REMINDERS

- Send in money for **Peter Coombe Concert (14th February)** by Friday 19th February to class teacher.
- **Welcome BBQ note** - Please send in notes as soon as possible to help organise catering for sausages, bread etc.
- **P&C Meeting** — First meeting for the year is Week 3 Monday 13th February 7.00pm in staffroom. Everyone welcome.
- **Uniform Shop** is open every Monday from 8.30am - 9.00am in the Artroom. Any other times see Jodie in the canteen.
- Hats, satchels and a small amount of stationary are available from the canteen daily.

## THANK YOU

### Rip-It Security Shredding

After 3 years of providing a plastics recycling service to the Geraldton community a decision has been made by Rip-It Security Shredding to cease the service due to economic reasons.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 8th February, the blue recycling bin located at the front of the school will be removed.

Mount Tarcoola PS staff, students and community members would like to thank Rip-It for their support of our recycling endeavours by supplying this bin free of charge since early 2016.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WANTED SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER CO-ORDINATOR

A Seven-a-Side Soccer Co-Ordinator is required for Mount Tarcoola PS. If you are able to assist please contact Tanya Amazzini on 9956 2189 or email [Tany.Amazzini@Sportshouse.net.au](mailto:Tany.Amazzini@Sportshouse.net.au)

### WEET-BIX SURF GROMS

BOOK ONLINE: [www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com) on Monday's before school and Saturday morning surf classes for 5-12 year olds. \$165pp including the backpack of goodies. Weekly Starting 11 Feb. Please note we also coach teens and adults.

## MILO T20 BLAST

Learn to play like the Perth Scorchers through MILO T20 BLAST! Geraldton registrations are now live!

Venue: GBSC Sport Park

Ages: 7-12

Program length: 5 weeks

Dates & Times: 4:30–6:00pm

Contact: JASON YIP e: [jason.yip@waca.com.au](mailto:jason.yip@waca.com.au) m: 0429 107 963

17.2.2017 - FREE COME & TRY + SKILLS MASTERCLASS (parents encouraged to participate)

24.2.2017 - week 1

03.3.2017 - week 2

10.3.2017 - week 3

17.3.2017 - week 4

18.3.2017 - (morning) MILO T20 BLAST FESTIVAL!

Each week will include a skills zone, where ALL participants will be honing skills whilst waiting to bat

To sign up:

1. Visit the Play Cricket Website [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)
2. Search 'where can I play?' in the top right corner of the page - for example 6530
3. Scroll down to 'Geraldton Junior Cricket Association' and click 'next'
4. Click 'register'

Kids sport registrations:

1. Visit the Play Cricket Website [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)
2. Search 'where can I play?' in the top right corner of the page type 'kidsport'
3. Continue through the registration process selecting MILO T20 BLAST

For further information contact: JASON YIP e: [jason.yip@waca.com.au](mailto:jason.yip@waca.com.au) m: 0429 107 963

## KIDS TENNIS FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Founded by Paul McNamee in 1983, Kids Tennis Foundation (KTF) provides tennis coaching for financially and socially disadvantaged children throughout Australia. The aim is "to provide tennis coaching for every child in every disadvantaged primary school in Australia", thereby helping develop their physical, social and personal wellbeing.

KTF is the only schools-based welfare program using tennis as the means for communication to help raise the self-esteem and self-confidence of financially and socially disadvantaged kids.

Currently, around 200 KTF programs are conducted Australia-wide, with a vast cultural reach, involving close to 4000 under privileged children every school term.

KTF provides the coach, racquets, balls and portable net-leaving no out lay for the participants.

KTF is different to "club" tennis or "club" coaching, where parents or children pay money to improve their game. The size of the group can vary, but the emphasis is always on lots of games and having fun. With much positive encouragement and praise, the children learn to play tennis in a relaxed, happy environment and to appreciate their own worth. KTF has introduced tennis to more than 250,000 financially and socially disadvantaged children Australia-wide since inception.

Reference

[www.kidstennisfoundation.com](http://www.kidstennisfoundation.com)



Department of  
Sport and Recreation

# SunCity Tennis Academy

Tarcoola Park Tennis Club  
Glengarry Crt  
Mt Tarcoola

(opposite Tarcoola Primary School)

0409 485 117

jarronk@hotmail.com

www.suncitytennisacademy.com.au  
www.tarcoolaparktennisclub.org



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- Private Lessons
- Cardio Tennis
- Full Proshop service
- ANZ Hotshots
- Adult Groups
- Squad & Group Lessons
- High Performance Program
- Tournament Travel
- Corporate Coaching
- National Schools Partnership Program Endorsed



Got a group of friends who want to play together? Not a problem, let us arrange a time and day that suits you! Spaces Available Monday to Sunday.

To secure your spot please contact us either via email or phone

**jarronk@hotmail.com / 0409 485 117**



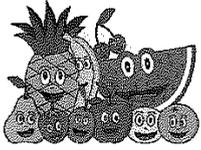
All coaching staff are ATPCA & Tennis Australia Qualified and Endorsed.

## PCYC TERM 1 FITNESS & ACTIVITY TIMETABLE

Opening hours : Mon -Thurs 8:30am—7:30pm, Friday 8:30am—6:00pm

Phone: 9921 1317

CLASSES	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>BOXING</b>	<u>Junior 5-13yrs</u> 4.30-5.30pm  <u>Adult</u> 6-7.30pm	<u>Fighting Back</u> 9.30-10.30	<u>Junior 5-13yrs</u> 4.30-5.30pm  <u>Adult</u> 6-7.30pm	<u>Fighting Back</u> 9.30-10.30	
<b>CHICK BOXING</b>		<u>Teens 12+</u> 5-6pm  <u>Adults 17+</u> 6-7pm		<u>Adults 17+</u> 6-7pm	
<b>POLICE RANGERS</b>				<u>12-17yrs</u> 5-7pm	
<b>BRAZILIAN JUI JITSU 14+</b>		6-8pm		6-8pm	
<b>CIRCUS</b> <u>Separate Term</u> <u>Fee</u> <u>Applies</u>	<u>Mini 5-7yrs</u> 4.30-5.30pm		<u>Teen/Inter 12+yrs</u> 4.30-6.30pm  <u>Adults</u> 6.30-8pm	<u>Adults</u> 10-11.30am  <u>Junior 8-12yr</u> 4-5pm & 5-6pm	
<b>TODDLER BOUNCE &amp; FUN</b>		<u>Toddlers 18m-4yrs</u> 9-10am	<u>Toddlers 18m-4yrs</u> 9-10am	<u>Toddlers 18m-4yrs</u> 9-10am	<u>Baby Play</u> <u>9m-18m</u> 9.30-10.30
<b>KICK START KARATE W/ DARYL</b>	<u>Preschool</u> 10.30-11am				
<b>FITNESS FOR FUN</b>			<u>Kindy-P/P</u> 3.30-4.30pm  <u>Year 1 &amp; 2</u> 4.30-5.30pm		
<b>CROCHET CLUB</b> \$2		<u>Morning</u> 9.30-11.30am  <u>Evening</u> 6-8pm		<u>Evening</u> 7-9pm	
<b>Parkour</b>		<u>5-6pm</u>			

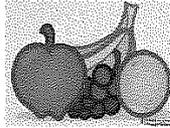


# Mount Tarcoola Primary School Have 'A' Snack Lunchbar Summer Menu Term 1 2017



**ALL PRODUCTS ARE STAR CHOICE REGISTERED ITEMS**  
**Canteen Manageress : Jodie Rodgers Phone:99643162**  
**As Per Canteen Policy, Menu is as stated each day: no changes available**  
**Hats, Satchels, Pencil Cases and Stationary available for sale in canteen.**

## Lunch bags 20 for 50c



## DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

### MONDAY

\*Chicken Nuggets and Salad \$4.50  
 Ham and Melted Cheese Pocket \$4.00

### TUESDAY

Hot Dog \$4.00  
 \*Chicken Wedges and Salad \$4.50

### WEDNESDAY

MEAL DEAL DAY— \* \$5.00  
*Tropical Treat*- Chicken & Salad Wrap  
 Tropical Fruit Kebab & Tropical Juice.  
*Strawberry Surprise*- Chicken & Salad Wrap,  
 Strawberry Fruit Kebab & Strawberry Milk.

### THURSDAY

\*Crispy Fillet Burger & Salad \$4.50  
 Pizza Single \$3.50  
 \*Chicken Nachos \$4.00

### FRIDAY

Party Pies \$1.00  
 Potato Pie \$3.50  
 Plain Beef Pie \$3.50  
 Sausage Rolls \$3.00  
 Honey Soy Chicken & rice \$4.50

### DRINKS

Pauls Milks \$2.00  
 (Chocolate, Strawberry)  
 Masters Milk \$2.50  
 (Choc, Strawberry, Spearmint)  
 Plain Milk \$2.00  
 Milk and Sipahh straw \$2.50  
 Harvey Fresh Juice Box \$2.00  
 (Apple, Orange, Apple & BC, Trop)  
 Spring Water - Large \$2.00  
 Lol Fruit drink \$2.50

## Available Daily for Recess

Potato Gems	( 6 for \$1 )	or	\$ 0.20
Pizza Muffins			\$ 0.50
Cheesies			\$ 1.20
Pizza Subs			\$ 1.50
Chicken & Cheese Subs			\$ 1.50
Pikelets			\$ 0.50
Fruit Slinkies / Fruit			\$ 1.20
Jelly and custard			\$ 1.50
Jelly and Fruit			\$ 1.00
Milo Bars			\$ 1.50

### Available daily after lunch

Fandangles - Choc, Fairy Floss	\$2.00
Vanilla Buckets	\$2.00
Quelch Icy Poles	\$1.00

## Available Daily for Lunch

Sandwiches/Toasted 1 filling -	\$3.50
2 or more fillings -	\$4.00
Chicken /Ham / Salad Rolls	\$4.50
Toasted Focaccia or Tortilla	\$4.50

### **\*\* FILLINGS \*\***

(Ham, \*Chicken, Tuna, Egg, Cheese  
 Avocado, Beetroot, Pineapple, Spag/BBBeans)

Curried Egg Sandwich	\$3.50
Vegete Sandwich -	\$2.50
Vegete Roll -	\$2.80
Lebanese Wraps -	\$4.50

Meat & Salad Platter - Large -	\$4.50
Small -	\$3.50
Fruit Salad - Large -	\$4.50
Small -	\$3.50

\* Hot Chicken/Mayo Rolls - \$4.50

Jelly & Custard -	\$1.50
Jelly & Fruit -	\$1.00
Yoghurt	\$2.00
Sauce (bbq and tom)	0.30c

**White Bread available on request**

**\* Is a Halal product**

**\* Steggles Chicken and Nuggets are used only**



# TERM 1 2017

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30 <b>SDD</b>	31 <b>SDD</b>	<b>1 FEB</b> Students commence	2	3
2	6	7	8	9 Parent Info Session Rooms 10 & 12 6- 6:30pm	10
3	13 7.00pm P & C	14 Peter Coombe Incursion K - 6	15 Welcome BBQ 6:15—7:30pm  Parent info Session rooms K, PP, 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	16 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	17
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5	27	28	<b>1 MAR</b>	2 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	3 Parent Assembly Rooms 13 & 14
6	6 <b>LABOUR DAY Public Holiday</b>	7 Year 6 PEAC	8 Year 5 PEAC	9 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	10
7	13	14 Year 6 PEAC	15 Year 5 PEAC  Young Writers' Year 6 students	16 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:00am	17
8	20 7.00pm P&C AGM	21 Valanga Khoza: Out of Africa - Harmony Day	22	23 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	24 Yr 6 Leadership Day
9	27	28 Year 6 PEAC	29 Year 5 PEAC	30 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	31 Parent Assembly Rooms 8 & 17
10	<b>3 APRIL</b>	4	5 GRIP Leadership - Councillors and Faction Captains	6 Before School Tennis 7:45 – 8:30am	7 Challenge Day  Last Day of Term
H	10	11	12	13	14 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
H	17 <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	18	19	20	21